

Mena Art Gallery

February 2017

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

Gallery Highlights...

It's Membership Dues Time

It is time to renew gallery memberships. Please fill out a membership form so that we can check to be sure we have all your information listed correctly in our database. The form is on page 5, on our website at www.menaartgallery.org, or come by the gallery to pick one up. Thank you all for your continued support!

Children's Art Class

Children's Art Class will take place on February 11 from 1 to 3 p.m. The cost is \$2 per child. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

Ouachita Little Theatre presents Southern Hospitality



The next production at the Ouachita Little Theatre is Southern Hospitality. Dates for the play are February 10-12 and February 17-19. See how the Futrelle

sisters and the other citizens of Fayro pull together to save their town. It is a testament to Southern strength and ingenuity and a recipe for total hilarity.

New Fiber Arts Group

Our new Fiber Arts Group meets the gallery on Fridays from 12 noon to 3 p.m. Any form of fiber art is welcome. Come bring your project and have fun.

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Gallery Hours: Tue. 11-2; Wed. – Sat. 10-3;

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

SWEETHEARTS OPEN SHOW



We will be accepting entries for the Sweethearts Open Show on Tuesday, January 31 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Entry forms can be found on our website at www.menaartgallery.org or stop by the gallery. We are going to be decorating this show with a Valentine theme since it will be up through Valentine's Day but **any artwork** in any media and on any subject: painting, drawing, sculpture, pen and ink, pastel, watercolor, oils, acrylic, pottery, woodwork, jewelry, photography, fiber arts, and more, can be put in this show!

Mena Art Gallery Store

Gallery members who would like to put artwork in the Mena Art Gallery store and are unable to work 3 hours a month at the gallery now have an opportunity to do so.

Starting this month, current members can put their artwork in the store for \$10.00 a month and 25% donation of sale to the gallery.



This is a great opportunity to sell some artwork! Please contact Julie at the gallery if you are interested.

You can sign up for coming months on the calendar on the wall on the Volunteers' Board to get your choice of dates! **If you can come in as Gallery Attendant on any day marked "available" below, please call the gallery at 479-394-3880. We only need volunteers for Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays; the "Art Day" attendees take care of Tuesdays and the "Fiber Arts" attendees take care of Fridays.**

Please note that your commitment as gallery attendant is for three hours: usually that is from noon to 3 p.m. on Wednesday through Saturday, but if mornings are more convenient for you, call Julie at the gallery, 479-394-3880, and see if she can switch hours with you.

February 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
			1 Available Hanging the Sweethearts Open Show	2 Available	3 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm	4 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
5 Closed	6 Closed	7 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	8 Pamela Bennett Board Meeting 5:00 p.m.	9 Available	10 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm	11 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore Photo Club 10 am - Noon Children's Art 1 pm - 3 pm
12 Closed	13 Closed	14 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm 	15 Carolyn McCullough	16 Available	17 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm	18 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore
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26 Closed	27 Closed	28 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm				

What's Going On?

Be sure to check page 3 of your newsletter each month for details and contacts to learn more about any of these groups. You are cordially invited to drop in on any of these activities: call the gallery at 479-394-3880 for more details, or contact the person listed under the activity you are interested in. **Don't see something you would like to be involved in? Call the gallery to find out how it can be started.**

Don't forget that we always need volunteers to staff the gallery, especially as we are only having quarterly members' meetings. Please check the calendar on page two. If you can work as gallery attendant (lots of perks here!) on any of the days marked "Available," please call and tell Julie. And thank you!

Photo Club

The Photo Club meets the 2nd Saturday of each month at 10 a.m. in the classroom at the gallery. The challenge for January was "Christmas/New Year." The winner of the challenge was Donna Atkinson. This month's challenge is "Car/Vehicle Details." Our next meeting is February 11. Come join us!

Art Day

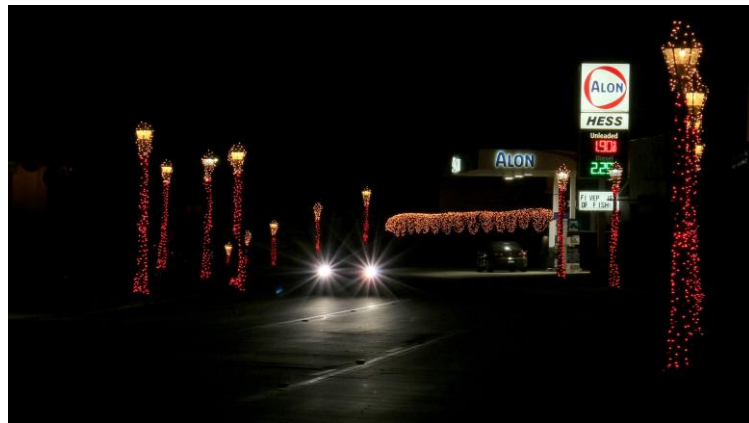
This is open to anyone working in a media that is portable enough to bring to the classroom. Artists come and go between 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. each Tuesday. Come and bring your current project or just come to watch and talk. For more information, contact Gilda Meyers at ladyhawke95@gmail.com or call her at 214-536-3658.

PHOTO CLUB CHALLENGE

The Photo Club Challenge winner for January is Donna Atkinson.

The challenge was
"Christmas/New Year."
Next month's challenge is
"Car/Vehicle Details."

Come join us at our next meeting on
Saturday, February 11
from 10 a.m. to noon.



PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING

Mena Art Gallery is always looking for people to volunteer. Sharing your talents, sitting the gallery, serving on a committee, or helping with special events are a few ways you can help.

Call Julie at the gallery for more information.

Minutes of Board Meeting 1/18/17

Board Members Attending

Rick Chrisman	Lorraine Timmerman	Barbara Tobias	Tiffany Lane
Barbara Lewis	Jan Wennberg	David Maddox	Sandra Thomas
Joe VanWolf			

Also Attending

Julie Vande Zande

Rick Chrisman called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. Minutes of the December meeting were reviewed. Jan Wennberg moved the minutes be accepted. Barbara Tobias seconded. Minutes were approved.

The financial reports for December were reviewed. Barbara Tobias moved the financials be accepted. David Maddox seconded. Motion approved.

The board elected officers: Rick Chrisman – Chair – 2 year term; Lorraine Timmerman – Vice Chair – 1 year term; Tiffany Lane – Secretary – 2 year term.

Julie Vande Zande gave a report on the status of the gallery.

The Artists' Garage Sale will be up until January 28. We will be accepting entries for the Sweethearts Open Show on Tuesday, January 31.

The new Fiber Arts Group has a small group as they get started.

There have been 30 membership renewals. They have been coming in slow and we will email returning members again the first part of February.

The gallery will be having a volunteer appreciation lunch on Tuesday, January 24 at noon to thank all the volunteers.

Two folding tables were donated to the gallery at \$40 each. These are easier to move around. The gallery could use a couple more of these if anyone is interested in donating them.

Logan at Pulse Multi-Media commented that our website was very impressive and easy to use. Always nice to hear positive comments.

Board members went through the committees and members in each committee. It was decided that there will be no Art Awareness committee and the Marketing and Promotion committee will take on those duties. Each chair will be conducting a meeting and will present the minutes at the next board meeting.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance—Rick reported that he looked at the metal piece that is loose by the front door. It can easily be fixed with caulk.

Exhibits—Jan Wennberg reported that we had an open spot in our show schedule in September. Barbara Lewis would like to present a small works show to the exhibits committee to fill that spot. The proposal will be presented to the board next month.

Jan Wennberg moved that the store offer a \$10.00 per month fee for any members who would like to put in artwork. Barbara Tobias seconded. Motion passed. This will give anyone who cannot volunteer the 3 hours per month an opportunity to put items in the store.

Art of the Heartland—Marketing and Promotion meeting minutes were reviewed since the meeting for the AHL was replaced with a M & P meeting. David Maddox moved that Barbara Lewis be the coordinator for the Art of the Heartland show. Tiffany Lane seconded. Motion passed. An AHL meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 19 at 5 p.m.

Ouachita Arts Celebration—Rick Chrisman reported that a grant was submitted to the Arkansas Arts Council for \$4,000. The OAC committee will coordinate with the fund raising committee for funds that need to be raised.

Marketing & Promotion—Sandra Thomas accepted to be chair of the Marketing & Promotion committee. She reviewed the activities accomplished by the committee during 2016. Sandra Thomas requested that she be notified of dates and times for fund raising meetings. Barbara Tobias will get her on the email list.

Fund Raising—Pat Brown will be the fund raising committee chair. Julie will contact Pat Brown and see when a meeting can be scheduled and email meeting date to the board.

New Business: Tiffany Lane requested a written guideline for show coordinators. Julie Vande Zande will have that ready for next month's board meeting.

Barbara Tobias moved that the meeting adjourn. Sandra Thomas seconded. The motion was approved. The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Director's Report for January 2017

January has started off a bit slow but our Artists' Garage Sale did well. Thank you Jim & Jane Brace for hanging the show and all who helped check in. Thanks to everyone who brought in artwork.

Artists' Garage Sale as of January 27 - \$591.80 (\$402.82 gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of January 27 - 40

Volunteer Hours for January — Sit Gallery 13 of 15 days — 39 hours

Artists' Garage Sale – 20 hours

Memberships in January — 43

(3 New Member in January)

Mena Art Gallery/SouthWest Artists Inc. -

Our mission is to improve the cultural, educational and civic quality of life in the region through the fostering of the arts and the arts activities.

SouthWest Artists, Inc./Mena Art Gallery

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Membership Application

Returning Member New Member

Category

Individual \$20

Student \$10

Family \$35

Sustaining (\$5 monthly)

I would like to be a volunteer: Yes No

All information on file is current ()

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____

Return form to above address

with payment & write payment type & amount below:

Cash _____ or Check # _____

Donations accepted

Amount Paid \$ _____

Please Indicate Areas of Interest

Art Collector/Supporter

Clay-Pottery/Sculpture

Carving-Wood/Leather

Digital -Computer Art/Photography

Drawing-Charcoal/Graphite/Pen

Jewelry/Glass Art

Metal Fabrication/Sculpture

Painting-Acrylic/WC/Oil/Pastel

Sculpture-Bronze/Stone

Writing-Poetry/Fiction/Non-Fiction

Mena Art Gallery is owned and operated by SouthWest Artists, Inc., a non-profit corporation, and support is provided, in part, by the **Arkansas Arts Council**, an agency of the Department of Arkansas Heritage and the National Endowment for the Arts, and several local businesses and individuals. Donations are tax deductible and help ensure the continuing work of bringing art to the community of Mena.

If you prefer to have your name removed from our mailing list or would like to be removed from our email list please send an email to: email@MenaArtGallery.org or call 479-394-3880.

Membership in Mena Art Gallery is available at several levels:
 Student: \$10:00 Individual: \$20.00 Family: \$35.00 Sustaining: \$5 Monthly
 Membership forms are available at the Gallery or on the website www.MenaArtGallery.org
 We encourage you to become a member in this progressive artistic community and hope you will remember Mena Art Gallery in your Estate Planning by Leaving a Legacy for the Arts within the community for future generations.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Rick Chrisman, Chair (2019)	David Maddox (2019)	Diane Warren (2017)
Joe Van Wolf (2017)	Patricia Brown (2017)	Barbara Tobias (2017)
Jan Wennberg (2018)	Lorraine Timmerman (2019)	Sandra Thomas (2018)
Tiffany Lane (2018)	Barbara Lewis (2018)	

The Executive Director of the gallery is Julie Vande Zande. She is available at 479-394-3880 during regular business hours to answer your questions and assist with your artistic endeavors.