

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

June 2017

Gallery Highlights...

NOTICE OF CHANGE:

Fiber Arts Group Changing to Saturdays

Our Fiber Arts Group will start to meet at the gallery on Saturdays from 12 noon to 3 p.m. starting Saturday, June 3. Any form of fiber art is welcome. Come bring your project and have fun.

The Art of Seasoning Class

Barbara Tobias will be conducting a cooking class called The Art of Seasoning on Saturday, June 24 starting at 12 noon. See page 5 for more information.



Reminder: Americana Open Show

We will be accepting entries for the Americana Open Show on Wednesday, July 5. The theme for the show is Americana and is open to work 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.

Go to www.menaartgallery.org for a copy of the entry form or call the gallery at 479-394-3880.

Offering Two Children's Art Classes

Due to our Children's Art Class continuing to grow, now we will be offering two classes. The second Saturday of each month will be ages 10 and up and the third Saturday of each month will be ages 5 – 9. The cost is \$2 per child. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

15th Annual Photography Show

We will be accepting entries for our 15th Annual Photography Show on Tuesday, June 6 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Categories for the adult division are:

landscapes, animals, plants,
people & portraits, and general.

Youth ages 12-17 include all categories.

Entry forms and rules can be found on the website at www.menaartgallery.org

or call 479-394-3880.

**Join us for the
Photography Show
Reception on
Saturday, June 10 from
1 p.m. to 3 p.m.
Exhibit Dates: June 7 to July 1**

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.

JUNE 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
				1 Pat Trulock	2 Available	3 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm
4 Closed	5 Closed	6 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Accept Entries for Photo Show 10 am – 4 pm	7 Betty Acheson Hang Photo Show	8 Pamela Bennett	9 Available	10 Photo Show Reception 1 pm – 3 pm Children's Art Ages 10 & up 1 pm - 3 pm
11 Closed	12 Closed	13 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	14 Carolyn McCullough Board Meeting 5:00 pm	15 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	16 Available	17 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm Children's Art Ages 5 - 9 1 pm - 3 pm
18 Closed	19 Closed	20 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	21 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	22 Available	23 Available	24 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm The Art of Seasoning Class 12 Noon
25 Closed	26 Closed	27 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	28 Joe & Carolynne Sizemore	29 Sheryl Davis	30 Available	

Director's Report for May 2017

Patricia Trulock and Gilda Meyers member show was fabulous! Thank you both for all your hard work!!
BFF's Art Show Sales as of May 30 - \$1,014.50 (\$253.63 + \$100 Member Show Fee)

Store Sales as of May 30 - \$50.00 (\$12.50 gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of May 30 - 131

Volunteer Hours for May — Sit Gallery 18 of 22 days — 54 hours

Memberships January - May — 79 (3 New Members in May)

BEGINNERS' KNITTING CLASSES

A four-session beginners' knitting class will start with an hour-and-a-half class on Saturday, July 1 at 1:00 p.m. If you have never knitted before (but it's one of those things you've always thought you would enjoy doing), this is your chance to learn.

Missy Williams will be conducting these classes. Cost will be \$20 for the four classes plus the supplies (yarn and needles).

We can only handle about a dozen people in the class in order to be able to give each one individual attention as needed, so be sure to get your reservation in early. Call the gallery at [479-394-3880](tel:479-394-3880) during regular gallery hours: 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesdays or 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Wednesdays through Fridays.



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. 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!

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.

Fiber Arts Group Meeting on Saturdays Starting June 3

The Fiber Arts Group will start to meet at the gallery every Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. starting Saturday, June 3. Bring whatever project you are working on and join us! If you have questions about the group call Missy Williams at 636-359-0911.

Minutes of Board Meeting 5/10/17

Board Members Attending:

Rick Chrisman, Tiffany Lane, Barbara Lewis, Lorraine Timmerman, Diane Warren, and Jan Wennberg.

Also in Attendance:

Julie Vande Zande

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Chrisman at 5:02 pm.

Minutes of the April meeting were reviewed. Jan moved to accept the corrected minutes, Lorraine seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

The April financial reports were reviewed. Tiffany made a motion to approve the financials, Diane seconded the motion, and the financials were approved.

Julie Vande Zande reported that there were \$107 in store sales last month, with \$26.75 of that going to the gallery. The Young Artists show resulted in \$160 in sales, and those funds all go to the artists. There was \$71 dollars collected from voters for the People's Choice Award during the show. After all expenses and the transfer of funds from the Children's Programs category, there was \$142.16 left over. Due to ribbons still left from previous year's shows, the ribbon cost for the Young Artist's show and Ouachita Expressions were only \$33.84 for each show. Julie also spoke to the fact that the \$300 journal transaction made by the CPA's office to transfer funds from the Children's Programs fund to the Young Artist Show was not reflected on the printed reports. The CPA representative likened those to "fake" accounts that operate under the general funds, so are not readily discernible on reports.

The Gilda Myers and Pat Trulock show is currently on display and has already generated \$774 in sales, \$193.50 of which remains in the gallery fund. Photography Show entries are due June 6th, and Julie will be traveling to the Photo Alliance meeting to provide information about our show and recruit assistance for coordinating next year's show.

The Arkansas Gives letter has arrived, and with total donations of \$550, less credit card fees, plus a \$38.01 check from the organization, the total to the gallery was \$573.72 for that fundraising event. Julie will send thank you letters to the donors next week.

The gallery will be hosting the Chamber coffee on May 12th, from 9-11 am. Julie will need assistance with snacks, and it would be nice if members could attend.

The annual proposal for the Directors and Officers insurance was quoted as slightly lower than last year, with an annual premium of \$1,091. Tiffany volunteered to investigate insurance options so that the Board can make a decision as soon as possible whether or not to renew the premium. Julie will determine that we still have a few weeks left to make a payment before the renewal date of June 26th.

The web administrators made sure that the sponsor section of the gallery web site is functional, and Julie will be updating sponsorships and ads. They were also able to add donation information and dates for tracking purposes.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance – Rick will be handing the replacement of the A/C filters, the lubrication or replacement of the rear door lock. It was noted that there was a need to upgrade the gallery's Quickbooks software to be compatible with Windows 10, at a cost of \$209. New LED lights are needed in the amount of \$200 for 20 lights. The building and maintenance fund (Special Projects on the financials) has plenty of funds to cover these expenses. Barbara moved to approve both purchases, Jan seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved.

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Exhibits – The committee filed the minutes of their May meeting and presented a copy of the 2018 finalized show schedule. New shows to that schedule included “Arkansas the Natural State,” “The Art of Hair,” and “Fur, Fin and Feathers.” Tiffany made a motion to approve the schedule, Lorraine seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous to approve.

Art of the Heartland – The minutes of the April meeting were presented to the Board. Barbara also noted that several committee members have distributed flyers about the show throughout Hot Springs. The show prospectus was changed to allow for “glazing,” allowing pastel artists to have works displayed under glass. An artist using Plexiglas last year did experience some lifting of pigment, so this will allow for more entries. Barbara also shared the Arkansas State Department of Parks and Tourism has designated our area as a “State Plein Air Art Center.”

Small Works – The judge has been secured for the show, and it will be Daniel Cassity. Rick will look into the possibility of securing free lodging for him during his stay.

Ouachita Art Celebration – The minutes from the April meeting were presented, noting that there has still not been a decision made on the grant application. Rick outlined the new “Art of the Chair” idea, involving the decoration of wooden chairs by participants to be displayed on judged on the sidewalks during the event.

Finance – The minutes from the May meeting were presented, and the next meeting is scheduled for June 1st at 4 pm.

Marketing and Promotion – Committee did not meet.

Fundraising – The minutes from the April meeting were presented. Dr. Rocha/Women’s Health has donated \$1,000 to the general fund of the gallery. Thomas Williams is planning to assist the gallery in obtaining a Walmart grant application. Barbara made a motion to pursue the grant, Diane Warren seconded the motion, and the Board approved unanimously. The committee decided it was best to have a regular monthly meeting day and time, so the next meeting will be May 19th at 5pm at the gallery. In the future, meetings will be held on the third Friday of each month.

New Business – Rick presented more information regarding the Main Street Community presentation May 23rd at 5:30pm at the Ouachita Center on the UARM campus. The Arkansas Director of Main Street will be giving a presentation with information on how Mena can submit a 2018 application for the program. Commitment to the program will require \$5,000 from the City of Mena, as well as funding for a salaried director. Rick encouraged members to attend this presentation.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:04 pm.



THE ART OF SEASONING CLASS

On Saturday, June 24, at noon, Mena Art Gallery will offer a cooking class conducted by Barbara Tobias. The class will include lunch, recipes, and lots of ideas on seasoning with herbs and spices.

The lunch will consist of a soup and bread, both of which will be examples of what you can do. There will be recipes for both and a couple of herb samples from Barbara’s herb garden.

Cost will be \$15 per person; to register, please call 479-234-3104 or stop by the gallery.

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.