



July 2017

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

Gallery Highlights...

Christmas in July at the Gallery & Indian Taco Fund Raiser

On July 21 and 22 Downtown Partners is hosting Christmas in July. We will have ornaments and Christmas art for sale in the gallery and there will be many activities going on that weekend. Any members interested in putting in artwork to sell contact Julie at the gallery. (Flyer on page 5.)

We will also have our 12 Days of Christmas tree up. The ornaments on this tree will be sold by silent auction. Bids start at \$200 for 86 unique, handcrafted ornaments made by Niki Dempsey and Jan Wennberg. That's only \$2.32 per ornament. Call the gallery if you would like to make a bid and make sure to stop by and see this beautiful tree.

Our Indian Taco Fund Raiser is on July 22 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We are looking for volunteers so if you can help please call Julie at the gallery. (Flyer on page 5.)

Reminder: Ouachita Expressions Show

We will be accepting entries for the Ouachita Expressions Show on Tuesday, August 1 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Go to www.menaartgallery.org for a copy of the entry form and rules or call the gallery at 479-394-3880.



JOLT Presents Tom Sawyer

Junior Ouachita Little Theatre (JOLT) will be presenting Tom Sawyer on July 14, 15, 16, 21, 22 and 23. It is a great cast and the show will be wonderful!

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479-394-3880

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

The Mena Art Gallery presents



Honoring the people, land, and art of the United States

**Thursday, July 6
through
Saturday, July 29**

**Entries accepted July 5 from 10 to 4
Reception Saturday, July 8, 1 to 3**

Painting	Drawing
Sculpture	Woodworking
Folk Art	Fiber Art
Photography	Metalwork
Clay Art	

If you would like to honor someone who has served this country in a special way, bring a photo (8x10 or smaller) on July 5th. It will be copied and displayed in the show.

Anyone interested in bringing in photos to honor someone who has served this country can bring them by the gallery during regular gallery hours and we will scan them for you.

You can sign up for coming months on the calendar on the counter in the art room 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 Fridays; the “Art Day” attendees take care of Tuesdays and the “Fiber Arts” attendees take care of Saturdays.**

JULY 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
						1 Fiber Arts Group 12 noon – 3 pm
2 Closed	3 Closed	4 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm 	5 Joe and Carolynne Sizemore Accepting Entries for the This is America Show 10 am – 4 pm	6 Available	7 Available	8 Fiber Arts Group 12 noon – 3 pm This is America Show Reception 1 pm – 3 pm Children’s Art Ages 10 & up 1 pm – 3 pm
9 Closed	10 Closed	11 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	12 Joe and Carolynne Sizemore Board Meeting 5 pm	13 Available	14 Available	15 Fiber Arts Group 12 noon – 3 pm Children’s Art Ages 5 to 9 1 pm – 3 pm
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23/30 Closed	24/31 Closed	25 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	26 Joe and Carolynne Sizemore	27 Available	28 Available	29 Fiber Arts Group 12 noon – 3 pm

Director's Report for June 2017

We had a wonderful turn out for the 15th Annual Photography Show. Thank you to Donna Atkinson, Betty Acheson, and Ann Glenn for helping check in. Thank you to Lowell Thomas for helping hang the show.

Photo Show Entry Fees - \$422.00 Volunteer Hours – 60

Photo Show Sales - \$210.00 (\$52.50 gallery)

Thank you to Barbara Tobias for conducting The Art of Seasoning Class - \$120 in donations received.

Store Sales as of June 29 - \$130.00 (\$32.50 gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of June 29 - 94

Volunteer Hours for June — Sit Gallery 21 of 22 days — 63 hours

Memberships January - June — 92 (6 New Members in June)

Call For Entries – 2017 Two National Juried Shows & Plein Air Paint Out

SMALL WORKS

Entries Open 4/15 – 7/15

Show Dates 9/6 – 9/30

3RD ANNUAL ART OF THE HEARTLAND

Entries Open 5/15 – 8/15

Show Dates 10/4 – 10/28

PLEIN AIR PAINT OUT

September 30 – October 1

Entry info online at

www.theartoftheheartland.com

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

The Fiber Arts Group is meeting at the gallery every Saturday from noon until 3 p.m. Bring whatever project you are working on and join us! If you have questions about the group call Missy William at 636-359-0911.

Minutes of Board Meeting 6/14/17

Board Members Attending:

Pat Brown, Rick Chrisman, Tiffany Lane, Barbara Lewis, Sandra Thomas, Barbara Tobias, Joe Van Wolf and Jan Wennberg.

Also in Attendance:

Jule Vande Zande

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Rick Chrisman at 5:03 pm.

Minutes of the May meeting were reviewed. Jan moved to accept the minutes, Barbara Lewis seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

The May financial reports were reviewed. Julie mentioned the difference between how funds for the Children's Show are classified in the system versus how they appear in the reports. Barbara Tobias made a motion to approve the financials, Barbara Lewis seconded the motion, and the financials were approved.

Julie and Rick reported that they had met with Lori Johnston of Sanford & Company, CPAs to find out the feasibility of changing our accounting service. Lori was very familiar with QuickBooks and has worked with non-profits. We have the potential to save approximately \$700 per year on accountant fees by switching. They will perform bookkeeping services for the same rate as our current provider, but there will be a reduction of the fee charged to complete our annual taxes and reduce our total charges. Lori indicated that our accounting could also be streamlined further. Joe moved to change accounting services to Sanford & Company, Barbara Tobias seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Julie Vande Zande thanked Jan, Sandra and Diane Warren for helping with snacks at the Chamber coffee, which had a turnout between 12-15 people.

The Gilda Myers and Pat Trulock show so far had \$1,068.40 in sales, with \$267.10 of that amount going to the gallery along with the \$100 show fee for a total for \$367.10.

The new LED lights are all installed, with a total cost of \$172.50 (less than the \$200 requested in the budget). The Quickbooks upgrade is completed, with a cost of \$189.99 plus a \$30 installation fee, for a total cost of \$219.99. This amount was more than expected, but the total budget for both the lights and the upgrade came to less than the total budget for those two items.

For the next 4-5 weeks, there will be an Upward Bound student, Rachel Hicks, helping out at the gallery. She will be helping with general office duties, and will possibly assist with helping renovate the chairs in the meeting area of the gallery. Julie also sent over 30 emails to members who had not paid for their memberships and received 20 of these back with payment.

Julie also met with Tammy Young and Tonya Boydston about the 2018 Art of Hair show. There have been some changes, including the substitution of mannequin heads instead of live people. There will also be a wall competition (before and after photos) of hairstyles. The group is still working on a theme for the March 2018 show, so the Board was asked to contribute any theme ideas they might have. The awards will be hair products along with a certificate, at no expense to the gallery as UofA Rich Mountain will provide these. There will be entry fees to the gallery for both the mannequin competition as well as the wall photo competition.

The current directors and officers insurance proposal was discussed. David Maddox has the insurance packet, which Julie will forward to Tiffany. Nancy at Mena Insurance will be contacted about the reason for having a million dollars coverage, and before renewal, hopefully be able to provide quotes for a smaller amount of coverage.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance – The Quickbooks and LED light issues have been addressed, with the back door knob/lock still on the outstanding list of repairs needed.

Exhibits – The committee has not set another meeting date as of yet, but will wait for Lorraine to return.

Art of the Heartland – The committee will meet again June 15th at 5:30pm at the gallery. There has been an investigation into trademarking the name of the competition for a cost of \$50. There are also three entries for the paint out event already.

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Small Works – Everything has been completed in preparation for the show, and entries are starting to come in.

Ouachita Art Celebration – The minutes from the May meeting were presented. No decision has yet been made on the Arkansas Arts Council grant, as they are waiting on funding from the state. It is possible that the OAC may receive approximately \$3,240 in funds. The OAC committee is requesting that the Art of the Chair be considered for an exhibit in the gallery, with possibly the six winners being displayed inside. The logistics of the display are still up for discussion. The next meeting will be Thursday, June 22nd at 5pm at the gallery.

Finance – The June meeting was cancelled because financial reports were unavailable. The committee is working on analyzing the current reports to develop a budget for 2018. The next meeting is scheduled for July 6th at 4pm at the gallery.

Marketing and Promotion – No meeting was held. The new “Visit Mena” brochure has gallery events represented, and the advertisement in the new “East to West” publication represents the gallery well.

Fundraising – The minutes from the May meeting were reviewed. It was noted that Walmart is out of grant funds for 2017, and the gallery can reapply for those funds in February of 2018. It was also noted that the photography show is still not funded, as there are still outstanding donations. There is a goal of having more than one way to generate income, and there was discussion of having a fundraising event during the Small Works show. The Small Works/AHL committees will discuss the fundraising coordination and the displays to be placed during the show. Barbara Tobias will also look into creating the graphics for the displays. Barbara Tobias also agreed to chair the fundraising committee and start an email concerning photography show donors.

New Business – It was mentioned that the gallery used to have signs discouraging the photography of artwork, and these signs were removed prior to the gallery renovation and not reinstated. There was discussion about the gallery policy of photographing exhibits and artwork. Joe made a suggestion that a new sign might have language stating that works inside the gallery were protected by copyright. No formal decision for what sign language should be reinstated was made.

Rick tendered his resignation as Chairman of the Board and stated that he would be available over the next few weeks to help during the transition.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

You Don't Want To Miss This!

July 21-22

Early Christmas Shopping
with Specials & Discounts!

PRIZE GIVEAWAYS!

Children's Coloring Contest!

Entertainment!

Photos with
Summer Santa!

Food Tastings!

Farmer's Market!

...and more!

Christmas in JULY!

Downtown Mena

Follow us on Facebook
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for updates on activities and giveaways!

**INDIAN TACO FUND RAISER
& CHRISTMAS IN JULY**

AT MENA ART GALLERY, 607 Mena St.

**Saturday, July 22
from Noon—3 p.m.**

Eat in and
enjoy the art
in the gallery
or get it to go.

**HOMEMADE FRY
BREAD**

**FREE
CHRISTMAS
COOKIE
WITH INDIAN TACO**

\$8 per plate
includes
drink

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 and the surrounding area. Sponsorships and donations can be made on our website at www.menaartgallery.org.

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.