

# Mena Art Gallery

*Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas*

September 2017

## ***Gallery Highlights...***

### ***Plein Air Paint Out***

On September 30 and October 1, we will have a plein air paint out. One day will be at Queen Wilhelmina State Park with those beautiful vistas of the Ouachita Mountains as well as the lodge and train and many other subjects; the other will be at a local farm with ponds, animals, barns, and a variety of other subjects to paint. You can sign up at [www.theartoftheheartland.com/events.php](http://www.theartoftheheartland.com/events.php).

### ***Fiber Arts Group***

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

### ***Offering Two Children's Art Classes***

We now offer two classes for children each month.

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.

### ***Free Movie Night at Ouachita Little Theatre***

September 13 at 6:30 pm, there will be a showing of "The Nutty Professor." The snack bar will be open!

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

## ***Small Works***

A new national juried show will make its debut in September: **Small Works** will be on display from September 6 through September 30 with entries from artists all over the United States.

The reception will be from 6 to 8 pm on Saturday, September 9. We will have over ninety small paintings on the wall representing the work of talented artists everywhere.

**Plus One Party!**  
**You're invited!**  
Join us for a fun evening!  
PRIVATE NATIONAL  
SMALL WORKS  
WINE RECEPTION  
SILENT AUCTION  
Get acquainted! Bring a friend.  
Saturday, Sept 9  
6-8 pm  
Mena Art Gallery

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PO BOX 871  
MENA, AR 71953

479.394.3880  
Website:  
MENAARTGALLERY.ORG  
Join us on Facebook

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.

SEPTEMBER 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Available	2 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm
3 Closed	4 Closed 	5 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	6 Available	7 Barbara Holdeman	8 Lynn Greenwade	9 Children's Art Ages 10 & up 1 pm - 3 pm  Small Works Reception 6 – 8 pm
10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	13 Becky Rogers  Board Meeting 5:00 pm	14 Becky Rogers	15 Available	16 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm  Children's Art Ages 5 - 9 1 pm - 3 pm
17 Closed	18 Closed	19 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	20 Available	21 Sheryl Davis	22 Available	23 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm  12 noon – 1:30 Cooking Class Sweet Rolls
24 Closed	25 Closed	26 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	27 Available	28 Available	29 Available	30 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm

## *Director's Report for August 2017*

Our Hot Dog Sale was terrific. \$358.70 was collected and goes to gallery general expenses. Thank you to Betty Acheson, Donna Atkinson, Lynn Greenwade, and Susan Sebren for helping with this fundraiser.

We had a fantastic turn out for our Ouachita Expressions Show. Thank you to Jim and Jane Brace for hanging the show for us and thanks to everyone who brought snacks for the reception.

Ouachita Expressions Entry Fees - \$278.00      Volunteer Hours – 42      7 New Memberships  
Ouachita Expressions Sales - \$220.00 (\$55.00 gallery)

Store Sales as of August 29 - \$190.00 (\$47.50 gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of August 29 - 88

Volunteer Hours for August — Sit Gallery 20 of 23 days — 60 hours

Memberships January - August — 118      (13 New Members in August)

## *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](mailto: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.

## *Baking Sweet Rolls with Barbara Tobias*

On Saturday, September 23, at 12:00 noon, Barbara will hold a class on making Citrus Cream Cheese Pull Apart Sweet Rolls. While the rolls bake, she will demonstrate how to make the dough and then serve lunch of a Baked Fondue with a salad. The rolls are for dessert. Be sure to call the gallery to reserve a place as the class will be limited to about 16 people. Fee for the class and lunch and recipes for all things served is \$15



## ***Minutes of Board Meeting 08/09/17***

**Board Members attending:** Lorraine Timmerman, Diane Warren, Jan Wennberg, Pat Brown, Sandra Thomas, Rick Chrisman, Barbara Lewis, Joe Van Wolf, Barbara Tobias

**Also attending:** Julie Vande Zande, Carolynne Cook Sizemore

Lorraine Timmerman called the meeting to order at 5:05 pm.

Minutes of the July meeting were reviewed. Rick Chrisman moved they be approved; Diane Warren seconded; motion passed.

In reviewing the financial statements, Julie said there are problems with them because of the shift to a new accounting firm. Diane moved that the statements be tabled until the problems can be resolved; Jan Wennberg seconded; motion passed. Lorraine stated that we still need to address the problem that we are bringing in less money than we are expending each month.

**Executive Director's Report:** Julie said that she would be handling the hot dog sale at Atwood's this Saturday, July 12, and that a volunteer was coming in at 10 am to open the gallery. Ouachita Expressions brought in \$278 in entry fees and seven new members. She is also working on a time study to identify the areas where she is spending time. She worked 35 hours last week because of the show opening. She is trying to come in early to get things done without interruptions before the gallery opens. She is planning to shift some areas to volunteers in order to be able to take a second job since the gallery cannot afford to pay her for more hours now. The time study will be available at the next month's board meeting. She also mentioned that we will be raffling a set of pottery bowls created by Lou Alderman and donated by Pat Marx. She asked that each board member either buy or sell at least \$10 in tickets. The gallery will be open late on Friday and Saturday August 25 and 26 for Rod Run.

### **Committee Reports**

**Building & Maintenance:** Back door lock still needs work; Rick Chrisman to attend to this.

**Exhibits:** The committee met on the 18<sup>th</sup> and reviewed next year's show schedule and discussed our problem getting coordinators for shows. Jan Wennberg reported that she is looking for someone to take on the chair position for the Exhibits Committee as she will need to be out of town extensively in the near future. The committee is working on the signs restricting photography of art work. We discussed a problem with one of the entries for Ouachita Expressions. It is an abstract nude. She asked for a vote on whether the particular piece was appropriate for the gallery. The Board voted 6 to 3 that the piece in question is not appropriate.

**Heartland and Small Works:** Barbara Lewis reported entries are running at about the same rate as last year for Heartland. The ribbons are here and were passed around for the Board's information. Lorraine asked for information on financing these shows. Barbara Lewis said we paid CaFÈ \$300 for each show for handling the entries and credit card fees plus \$3 per artist. We advertised in two magazines, on websites, and Facebook. Entry fee disposition for Heartland: \$20 per artist for new members goes to the gallery with the remainder going to finance next year's show and any excess of what we anticipate will be needed for that going to the gallery. Lorraine requested that we write up how this is going to be handled and what amount would need to be retained for the following year's show. Barbara Lewis said she would do this in time for the September Board meeting. Julie brought up the subject of serving alcohol at the reception. Sandra is going to check with David Maddox to determine whether or not there is a legal prohibition which might endanger our 501(C)3 status. Rick moved that, if the serving of alcohol turns out to be legal, we should proceed. Barbara Lewis seconded; motion carried. Small Works accepted 90 entries, 12 of which were withdrawn because the artist felt shipping would be prohibited and they were oversized for this show. Entries not accepted: 20. Net income was \$1,407.72. We are planning a reception for Small Works that will include efforts at fund raising and new member solicitation. We are asking each member attending the reception to bring a non-member as a guest.

**Ouachita Arts Celebration:** Rick reported that we have received a grant from the Arkansas Arts Council for

\$3,240. The committee has had a meeting and revised their budget accordingly. The gallery will have artists doing demos with the Exhibits Committee in charge of soliciting artists to demonstrate their work.

**Marketing & Promotion:** Sandra asked the Board's permission to create a video walk-through about one or more of the upcoming shows with a view to showing it on Facebook. The Board approved that. She also asked about opening the gallery to private events for a fee. The Board approved making that effort and asked the Marketing & Promotion Committee to write up rules and fees and present to the Board at the next meeting. Barbara Tobias will begin writing occasional newspaper articles about individual volunteers.

**Finance Committee:** No meeting, but the need for a budget is urgent. Rick said he would draft a budget based on last year's expenditures and have it ready for the September meeting.

**Fund Raising:** Carolynne Cook Sizemore has accepted the position of chair of this committee and is soliciting ideas. Barbara Tobias volunteered to have another cooking class in the fall, and Julie mentioned the possibility of a workshop by the judge for the 2017 Ouachita Expressions show.

**Old Business:** Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. Barbara Tobias is to call P. T. Plunkett and ask whether it would be feasible to handle this insurance as a rider to our building insurance. She will also contact George Davis with State Farm to get a quote from them on D&O liability insurance.

Lorraine mentioned that the project to paint the back wall is still in the works, but progress is slow as this is a difficult wall to work with.

She also stated that the Nominating Committee will need to present a slate of nominees for the board and for officers at the October meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:20 pm on a motion by Diane Warren.

TRAHC Presents...

## Two Hundred Mile Radius

The Art of Carol Flori



August 24 - October 28, 2017

Lobby • Second Floor • Third Floor

### Opening Reception

Thursday, September 14, 2017  
6:30 PM to 8:00 PM

Regional Arts Center  
321 4th Street, Texarkana, TX 75501

Made possible by TRAHC membership contributions.

## *Ouachita Expressions Show*

Still time to see some fabulous art! The show will be on display until Saturday, September 2.

We very much appreciate the support of the following businesses and individuals for the awards:

Mena Title Company  
Union Bank of Mena  
Poteau Valley Veterinary Hospital  
Mike's Home Specialties  
Yankee Clipper  
Jan Wennberg  
Ouachita Artists, Mt. Ida

Judge: Marlene Gremillion

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](http://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](mailto: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](http://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**

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