

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

October 2017

Gallery Highlights...

Drawing Class

Lorraine Timmerman will conduct a drawing class on four consecutive Tuesdays: October 10, 17, 24, and 31 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each evening.

The class will focus on value, composition, perspective, and improving one's work. And Lorraine, as you will know if you have seen any of her work, is a master at all of these.

Fee for the 4 sessions will be \$50. Call the gallery to sign up at 479-394-3880. Space is limited.

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.

Two Children's Art Classes

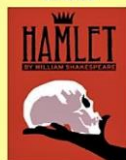
We now offer two classes for children each month.

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.

Hamlet at OLT

Don't miss OLT's production of Shakespeare's "Hamlet" on October 20-23 and 27-30.

Ouachita Little Theatre's
Events



Oct. 20-23 & 27-30

P. O. Box 871

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email@MenaArtGallery.org www.MenaArtGallery.org

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

The Art of the Heartland

In October, we will exhibit our third national juried painting competition. Entries are already here, and each year seems to be better than the one before!

The reception will be from 6 to 8 pm on Saturday, October 7; the exhibit will be on display the remainder of October. Gallery hours will be extended to 6 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays and from 12 noon to 4 p.m. on Sundays for this show.

If you would like a preview of the sort of art you can expect, check out the web page where all of the entries from 2015 and 2016 are online: www.TheArtoftheHeartland.com

Be Our Guest

*Join us to celebrate during the private reception
and awards presentation of one of Arkansas's
premier gallery shows.*

*The Third Annual
Art of the Heartland
National Competition*

Saturday, October 7, 2017

6 - 8pm

Mena Art Gallery

607 Mena Street

Mena, Arkansas 71953

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.

OCTOBER 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
1 Closed	2 Closed	3 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	4 Available	5 Barbara Holdeman	6 Available	7 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm Art of the Heartland Reception 6-8 pm
8 Closed	9 Closed	10 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Lorraine Timmerman's Drawing Class 6 pm – 8:30 pm	11 Lorraine Timmerman Board Meeting 5:00 pm	12 Barbara Holdeman	13 Available	14 Children's Art Ages 10 & up 1 pm - 3 pm
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Director's Report for September 2017

Our first National Small Works show turned out good for our first year. We had a total of 117 entries with 85 being accepted into the show. Thank you to the Art of the Heartland committee for all your hard work on this show.

Small Works Sales - \$240.00 (\$72.00 gallery)

Barbara Tobias' Sweet Roll Baking Class raised \$97 in donations. Thank you so much Barbara!!

Thanks to everyone who donated to and bid on the Silent Auction. The gallery received a total of \$590 in donations.

Store Sales as of September 29 - \$223.00 (\$55.75 gallery)

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of September 29 - 76

Volunteer Hours for September — Sit Gallery 22 of 22 days — 66 hours



Vendor Booth Space Available at OAC

We still have booth space available at our Ouachita Arts Celebration Saturday, November 4. Booth fee is \$35 and \$10 for electricity.

The application can be found on our website –

www.menaartgallery.org or stop by the gallery and pick one up. This is a wonderful opportunity to sell some artwork and network with other artists.

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 09/13/17

Board Members Attending:

Rick Chrisman, Tiffany Lane, Barbara Lewis, David Maddox, Lorraine Timmerman, Sandra Thomas, Barbara Tobias, Diane Warren and Jan Wennberg.

Also in Attendance:

Jane Buttermilk, Carolynne Sizemore, Julie Vande Zande.

The meeting was called to order by acting Chairman Lorraine Timmerman at 5:04 pm.

Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed. David moved to accept the minutes, Sandra seconded the motion, and the minutes were approved.

The August financial reports were reviewed. Tiffany made a motion to approve the financials, Barbara Tobias seconded the motion, and the financials were approved.

Executive Director's Report

Julie reported that the hot dog fundraiser raised \$358.70.

The Ouachita Expressions Show garnered \$278 in entry fees, with \$190 in sales of which \$47.50 was retained by the gallery. Seven new members also joined during the show. Julie will have a final report of the show at next month's meeting.

The Lou Alderman raffle brought in \$348 in ticket sales.

There will be two workshop classes coming up soon. On September 23rd, Barbara Tobias will have a sweet roll baking class, and there are already four signed up to participate. On September 30th, Niki Dempsey will be holding a wreathmaking class, and the sample wreath was displayed.

The Small Works show is now being displayed in the gallery, and the reception was very good.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance – Lorraine fixed the door, so now Rick has a new task: fixing the metal trim. The back wall of the building has also been painted, as well as the mural selected.

Exhibits – The next meeting date will be Tuesday, September 19th.

A letter has been sent to address the concerns of Marie Annette Fuselier, regarding her recent entry to Ouachita Expressions. The Board and the Exhibits Committee are taking steps to ensure that this type of situation does not occur in the future. Ms. Fuselier's \$5 entry fee was refunded to her.

Art of the Heartland – 50 works have been accepted into this year's show, with 122 rejected and 7 declined. 19 of these were outside of Polk County and/or the state of Arkansas. 78 of the entries were from artists that had not previously been members of the gallery. Barbara Lewis will send a list of the accepted artists to Julie. The program for the reception is in the process of being completed.

The Paint Out will be postponed, due to a conflict with logistics in packing up the Small Works show and hanging AHL. Jason Sacran will be contacted about a possible future program.

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Small Works – 85 works were invited to the show, 20 were not invited and 12 were withdrawn. After all expenses, the show appears to have netted \$1,366.93. Only four bottles of wine were consumed at the reception. The Silent Auction has been extended until September 29th.

Ouachita Art Celebration – Minutes from the August meeting were presented, and Rick said the group is working toward gathering all the information for the literature to be produced. All sponsor fees are currently in. Whitney Lind will be taken photos during the event as an in kind sponsorship fee. Chairs are still needed for the event, and there will also be a need for additional volunteers for the day. The next meeting is scheduled for September 14th, 5pm at the gallery.

Marketing and Promotion – The committee will have a meeting soon to present official rules and regulations regarding private events and renting the gallery space. Sandy and Barbara Tobias are currently working on that document.

The Mena Fire Department assessed the gallery, and based on the 2400 square footage and lack of a sprinkler system, determined that the maximum capacity of the facility is 299. They also said that no one should be parking by the back door during large gathering, and the back door must be unlocked during business hours. Rick made a motion to spend up to \$25 for a bell system to alert gallery attendants when the back door is opened. Barbara Tobias seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

New rack cards will be distributed by Whitney and Jane, who will coordinate location with Sandra to avoid duplication.

Finance – The minutes from the September meeting were presented, along with an outline of the approximate funds needed for gallery operation. The Board requested a more detailed budget for considering, especially concerning show income and expenses. The Small Works/AHL committee will also send more detailed information to the finance committee.

Fundraising – The minutes from the August meeting were presented. Marilyn Gremillion will be is not available in 2017 for a workshop, but Carolynne will be checking on her availability in 2018. Melanie Ward at the Pulse also has presented some options for fundraising spots and events with radio coverage that will be explored more thoroughly. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, September 26th at 5:30pm.

Nominating – The committee will be working on a list of nominees for October, who will take positions on the Board in January.

Old Business – Regarding the Director's and Officer's insurance, there were quotes obtained of an annual cost of \$595 for \$500,000 in coverage, versus \$744 for \$1,000,000 in coverage through Sims and Renner Insurance out of Fayetteville, AR. David moved to obtain the larger coverage, Tiffany seconded, and the motion passed unanimously. Rick will communicate the Board's decision to the insurer.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

OUACHITA ARTS CELEBRATION ADDS 'CHAIR ART' COMPETITION

As the Ouachita Arts Celebration continues to strive to grow and add new art items for its visitors, this year there will be Chair Art. The idea of the competition is to take an old wooden chair that has basically served its functional purpose and turn it into a work of art.

For more information or to arrange to pick up a chair call or text Judy Thompson, 479 216-7644, or e-mail scootiejudy@gmail.com. There is no charge to compete; however, a completed application is necessary and can be done at the time the chair is picked up from Thompson. Completed chair will need to be turned in at the gallery on Friday, November 3.



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

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.