

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

December 2017

Gallery Highlights...

New Date for Gallery Board of Directors Meetings

Because many of our Board members have other obligations on Wednesdays, the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors will be moved beginning in December to the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend. Come to learn more about what we are trying to accomplish and let us hear your preferences.

JOLT Presenting Elf Jr. The Musical



Junior Ouachita Little Theatre will be presenting Elf Jr. The Musical on Dec. 8, 9, & 10 and Dec. 15, 16, & 17 at the Ouachita Little Theatre.

Pencil Portrait Class

Barbara Tobias will conduct a four session class on creating pencil portraits. The class is tentatively scheduled for January 2, 9, 16, and the 23 at 6 p.m.

If this time is inconvenient, please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 and let us know what time and day of the week you would prefer.

We will do our best to find a time that suits the majority of those interested in taking the class.

Fee for the four-session class is \$50.

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.

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

or by appointment call 479-394-3880

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**CHRISTMAS
OPEN
HOUSE**

Saturday, December 2

**BAKE SALE
10 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Hot
Drinks
During and
After the
Parade**

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Christmas Pot Luck!

At 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 12, plan to come to our annual Christmas Pot Luck dinner and bring a dish to pass.

We will be having an **Ugly Sweater Contest** so join in the fun and wear your ugliest sweater.

It's a great time to spend time with old friends and make new ones. In case you hadn't realized it, artists are a lot of fun and we have some great ones here.



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.

DECEMBER 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
					1 Available	2 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm Christmas Open House 10 am – 8 pm
3 Closed	4 Closed	5 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	6 Barbara Tobias	7 Available	8 Available	9 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm Children's Art Ages 10 & up 1 pm - 3 pm
10 Closed	11 Closed	12 Lorraine Timmerman Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Board Meeting 5:30 pm MAG Xmas Potluck 6:00 pm	13 Available	14 Available	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 Available	22 Available	23 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon – 3 pm
24/31 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 November 2017

The Ouachita Arts Celebration was terrific again this year. Rick Chrisman and the OAC committee did an amazing job!! Thank you for another successful event this year!!

We are off to a good start with our Christmas Gift Show. Thank you to Niki Dempsey and Jan Wennberg for decorating and hanging the show. Thanks to the volunteers that helped check in the artwork.

Christmas Gift Show Sales as of November 28 - \$1,572.50 (\$393.13 gallery)

Store Sales as of November 28 - \$225.00 (\$56.25 gallery)

OAC Bake Sale - \$131.00 Chair Art Donations - \$455.00 12 Days of Xmas Ornaments - \$200.00

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) as of November 28 - 84

Volunteer Hours for November — Sit Gallery 20 of 22 days — 60 hours

Memberships as of November 28 – 223

Attention Members: Rent the Mena Art Gallery for your personal get togethers.

The Mena Art Gallery now has a rental policy for our facilities for members of the gallery. The rental fee is \$50 per date.

Please contact Julie at the gallery or Sandra Thomas at skthomas1961@gmail.com for the rental policy and more details or to schedule a function.

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.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes, November 8, 2017

Board Members Attending:

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

Also in Attendance:

Carolynne Sizemore, Julie Vande Zande

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Lorraine Timmerman at 5:03 pm.

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

The October financial reports were reviewed. There was discussion about confusing categories, and the “other” label on some categories that are too vague. Board members were asked to review the financial reports, send their suggestions to Barbara Tobias, and she will compile the list of suggested changes to be considered at the January Board retreat. Rick made a motion to approve the financials, Barbara Tobias seconded, and the financials were approved.

Executive Director’s Report

Julie reported the Ouachita Arts Celebration was successful, despite the weather. There were \$657.07 in store sales for the gallery, with \$164.27 of that figure remaining with the gallery, slightly less than last year’s event produced. The bake sale raised an additional \$112 for the gallery. The chair art competition was well-received, and Judy Stockton will be conducting an auction for the chairs on November 16th at 5:30 pm with all proceeds to be retained in the OAC fund.

The gallery will be open the day after Thanksgiving. The Christmas Open House will be December 2nd, the day of the parade, with the gallery serving hot chocolate, cider and limited snacks. Carolynne will be assisting in the event.

Julie noted that the Christmas potluck details will need to be determined soon in order to be included in the December newsletter.

Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance – The door trim has been the bane of existence for Rick, but he assured the Board that at some point in the future, possibly near or far, that pesky trim will be fixed. The vent in the kitchen now has a cord inside to open, though it will need a little bit of tweaking. The fire extinguishers have been updated, and the caps for the electrical panel were obtained and installed by Aleshire Electric for a cost of \$63.

Exhibits – The minutes from the November 7th meeting were reviewed, with a notation of the new wording for the rules of exhibition as follows: “Mena Art Gallery is a family-friendly environment. Art exhibits are expected to respect the community we serve. Please consider this when you bring in art for exhibition. Art may be reviewed for acceptance by the exhibit committee, and its decisions are final.

The committee approved the proposal by the juried show committee to change Small Works to May 2018 and “Fur, Fins and Feathers” to September 2018 on the exhibits calendar. Rick moved to accept this proposal, David seconded the motion, and the Board voted unanimously to accept.

Art of the Heartland – The minutes from the November 2nd meeting were reviewed. There was a large number of positive emails, including a significant number of artists indicating that they will return next year. Overall, the event was deemed a success, generating approximately \$4,000 to the general gallery fund, including sales and donations. The donations/fees/dues that the gallery received for the luncheons held during the show were: \$662 from the Lioness club, \$465 from the Lion’s club, \$25 from the Chamber event, and \$317 from the Rotary club. Julie thanked the members of the committee for their efforts during the luncheons to fundraise and bring more awareness to the community of the gallery. Julie also noted that the paperwork for the WAPDD grant needed to be completed.

Sandra made a motion to move the Small Works funds into the AHL bank accounts, so that all juried shows are in one bank account. Barbara Tobias seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

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Ouachita Art Celebration – The OAC event was a success, and all the businesses did fairly well. There was a miscommunication with the mayor’s office, resulting in not having a stage, but the performers were able to work around that glitch for the most part. The committee will look into bringing food trucks downtown next year to alleviate the stress on the downtown restaurants. Several vendors indicated that they will definitely return next year.

Marketing and Promotion – The suggested changes to the rental agreement will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

Finance – No meeting.

Fundraising – The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, November 28th. Tiffany and Barbara Lewis will be investigating the Celebrate Arkansas grant opportunity to see if it would apply to a paint out event for 2018.

Nominating – The nominees presented for the Board of Directors in 2018 were Diane Warren, Barbara Tobias and Dorothy Ann Stevenson. David made a motion to approve election of the presented nominees to the Board, and Tiffany seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Jan made a motion to elect 2018 officers as follows:

Chairman – Lorraine Timmerman

Vice-Chair – Rick Chrisman

Secretary – Tiffany Lane

Barbara Lewis seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Old Business – The director and officer’s insurance has been purchased.

The ad hoc committee to review ED hours/salary will be meeting Tuesday, November 14th at 10:00am.

Tiffany Lane and Heather Aleshire will now serve on the Membership committee.

The Board will review the current Bylaws to see if there are changes that are necessary in time for the Board retreat.

New Business – There was discussion about moving the monthly Board meeting to the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 5:30pm. Tiffany made a motion to approve this change, Barbara Tobias seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. This change will take effect in December 2017.

It was decided that the potluck will be held after the December 12th Board meeting.

The Board was asked to be thinking of a good day for the Board retreat.

There was discussion about purchasing panels to fill in the gaps on the gallery walls, as this would facilitate the hanging of larger pieces. Joe and Rick will investigate the cost of obtaining the panels as well as measuring the gallery space to determine the number needed.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:18 pm.

10 & Up Art Class Changing in January

Beginning Saturday, January 13, 2017, our art class for 10 & up will be changing.

The new class is designed for youth and beginner adult artists, ages 10 and up. Hours will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.; cost will be \$3.00 per student per class.

Students will learn a variety of ways to express their individual creative ability using a wide range of mediums, color, texture, and techniques. A vivid imagination, patience, desire to bring your ideas forth and spend time having fun with others who wish to do the same is all you need to join.

Niki Dempsey will continue to be the instructor for the class. Please call the gallery at 479-394-3880 to sign up.



“Creative Hands” Quilt Raffle

This quilt was created by the Children’s Art Class (Ages 5 to 9). Each student made one of the quilt squares.

Tickets are \$1 each or 6 for \$5 and can be purchased at the gallery

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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.