

Mena Art Gallery

Art for all ages in the heArt of the Ouachitas

January 2018

Gallery Highlights...

It's Membership Dues Time

It is time to renew gallery memberships. Please fill out a membership form so that we can check to be sure we have all your information listed correctly in our database. The form is on page 5, on our website at www.menaartgallery.org, or come by the gallery to pick one up. Thank you all for your continued support!

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 has been moved to the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. All members are encouraged to attend.

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.

Art Classes for Children and Adults

The second Saturday of each month there will be classes for children and beginning adults ages 10 and up. The cost is \$3 per person.

The third Saturday of each month will be classes for children 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



We will be accepting entries for the Artists' Garage Sale on Tuesday, January 2 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The entry form can be found on our website at www.menaartgallery.org or stop by the gallery. Now's the time to clean out those closets and look under your bed. The garage sale will be up January 3 through January 27.

NEW....Arkansas, The Natural State

The February exhibit at the gallery will be An Artist's Portrait of Arkansas, the Natural State.

Entries can be in any media: paintings, photographs, drawings, pen and ink, and three-dimensional work will be included.

Entries must display an Arkansas theme and include a description of the work, including the date, location, and your thoughts about the subject on a card to be exhibited with the work.

The entry form and rules can be found on our website or stop by the gallery and pick one up.



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.

January 2018						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
	1 Closed 	2 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Accepting entries for the Artists' Garage Sale 10 am - 4 pm	3 Available	4 Available	5 Available	6 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon - 3 pm
7 Closed	8 Closed Portrait Class 3:30 - 5:30 pm	9 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm Board Meeting 5:30 pm	10 Available	11 Jo Eldridge	12 Available	13 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon - 3 pm Children & Adult Art Class 10 & Up 11 am - 2 pm
14 Closed	15 Closed Portrait Class 3:30 - 5:30 pm	16 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	17 Available	18 Sheryl Davis	19 Available	20 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon - 3 pm Children's Art Class Ages 5 - 9 1 pm - 3 pm
21 Closed	22 Closed Portrait Class 3:30 - 5:30 pm	23 Art Day 11 am - 2 pm	24 Available	25 Carolyn McCullough	26 Available	27 Fiber Arts Group 12 Noon - 3 pm
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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 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 12/12/17

Board Members Attending:

Rick Chrisman, Tiffany Lane, Barbara Lewis, Lorraine Timmerman, Barbara Tobias, Diane Warren, 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 5:32 pm.

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

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

Executive Director's Report

Julie reported that the Christmas Show was currently up in the gallery through December 31st.

There were a total of \$1,572.50 in sales during the month of November, of which \$393.13 was retained by the gallery. There were also \$225 in store sales, of which \$56.25 went to the gallery. The bake sale during the Christmas festival made the gallery \$111.

January 2nd entries will be accepted for the artist garage sale.

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Committees and Special Events

Building and Maintenance – The metal trim at the door has been repaired by Rick. It was noted that the price of a 4x8 board to fill in the spaces between the existing wall panels would be \$45.20, with at least two panels required to complete the project. However, the spacing between the panels is not plumb, with the spaces between the tops of each panels sometimes being large than the spaces near the bottom, and vice versa. In light of the difficulty in matching the panels, Barbara Lewis moved to nix the idea of filling in the spaces, Barbara Tobias seconded, and the motion passed to not fill in the gaps.

Exhibits – The minutes of the committee meeting were reviewed and discussed.

Art of the Heartland – The committee will meet later in the week to discuss the possibility of using another service besides Café' in order to handle future entries.

Ouachita Art Celebration – No meeting, but the final budget was reviewed for the 2017 event.

Marketing and Promotion – The Board suggested removing the SWA President language from the rental agreement and will table further discussion until the next meeting.

Finance – No meeting.

Fundraising – No meeting

Old Business – The ad hoc committee to review the Executive Director hours and salary met and discussed the possibility of a raise of \$1,800 per year. They have yet to solve the issue of keeping the gallery open longer, and this is an issue that will be discussed at the retreat.

The Board was reminded to review the By-Laws and the financials and bring their ideas for revisions and clarifications to the retreat.

Barbara Tobias made a motion to have the Board retreat at the Limetree restaurant on January 8th, from 10am to 2pm. Diane seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm

Years come and go,
but this year I specially wish 4 u
a double dose of health n happiness
topped with loads of good fortune.
Have a great year ahead!

HAPPY NEW YEAR

2018

Julie ☺

Pencil Portrait Class

Barbara Tobias will conduct a four session class on creating pencil portraits. The class is scheduled for Mondays - January 8, 15, 22, and the 29 from 3:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.



There are still openings.
Please call the gallery to sign up at 479-394-3880.

Director's Report for December 2017

Thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Show. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with this show. Thank you so much Niki Dempsey and Jan Wennberg for decorating and putting up the tree.

Thank you to all the committees and volunteers who worked so hard this year!!!

Christmas Show Sales for November - \$1,572.50 (\$393.13 gallery)

Christmas Show Sales for December - \$1,117.25 (\$314.07 gallery)

Show Total - \$2,689.75 (\$707.20)

November Store Sales - \$225.00 (\$56.25 gallery)

December Store Sales - \$135.00 (\$33.75 gallery)

Christmas Open House Bake Sale - \$111

Children's Quilt Raffle - \$60.00

Gallery Sign-In (Visitors) in December were 72

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

Memberships January thru December — 225

SouthWest Artists, Inc./Mena Art Gallery

P.O. Box 871, Mena, AR 71953

479-394-3880

www.menaartgallery.org

Membership Application

Returning Member New Member

Date: _____

Category

Individual \$20

Student \$10

Family \$35

Sustaining (\$5 monthly)

I would like to be a volunteer: Yes No

All information on file is current ()

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone# _____ - _____ - _____

Email _____

Return form to above address

with payment & write payment type & amount below:

Cash _____ or Check # _____

Donations accepted

Amount Paid \$ _____

Please Indicate Areas of Interest

Art Collector/Supporter

Clay-Pottery/Sculpture

Carving-Wood/Leather

Digital -Computer Art/Photography

Drawing-Charcoal/Graphite/Pen

Fiber Art

Jewelry/Glass Art

Metal Fabrication/Sculpture

Painting-Acrylic/WC/Oil/Pastel

Sculpture-Bronze/Stone

Writing-Poetry/Fiction/Non-Fiction

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 (2020)
Barbara Tobias (2020)	Jan Wennberg (2018)	Rick Chrisman (2019)
Sandra Thomas (2018)	Tiffany Lane (2018)	Barbara Lewis (2018)
Dorothy Stevenson (2020)		

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.