



April 2021

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Gallery Hours:
Wed – Sat 10 am to 3 pm



2021 Small Works Competition

On Sunday, May 2, 87 works will be hung by the hard-working National Show Committee.

They always do an excellent job and this show will be well worth seeing!

The works which were hand-delivered by the artists are spread out on the tables in the classroom. Boxes from all over the country are leaning against the walls. Such fun and anticipation!



Local Cash Mob to start up again on May 8

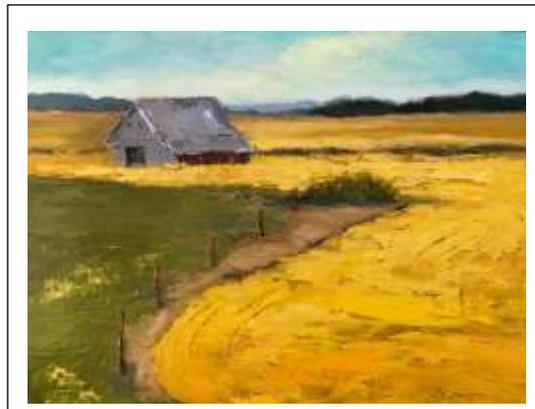
The group meets up at a local business for snacks and fun, then they draw the name of a business to MOB. Each person in attendance commits to spending at least \$20 at the chosen business.

Mena Art Gallery will host the opening portion of the June Cash Mob on June 12th. We'll be looking for contributions of snacks closer to that date.

Our name will be in the drawing pot starting in May. If we are chosen, Lynn will need some assistance with sales and wrapping. If you can handle a last-minute call on a Saturday morning (always the 2nd Sat of the month) please let Lynn know. It could be YOUR work we sell.

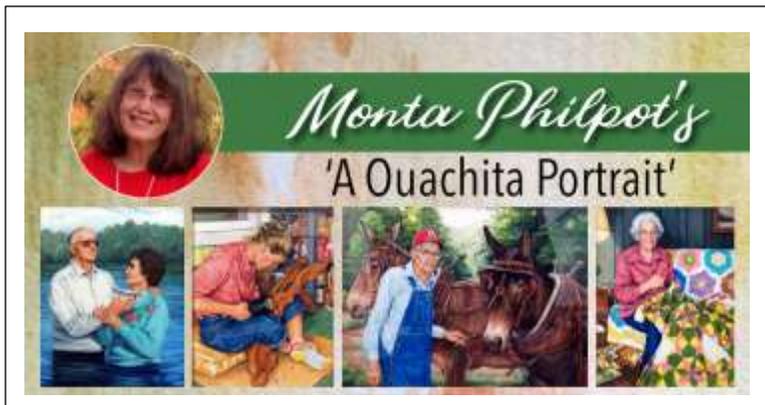


Sneak Preview of Small Works



The Show will be up and open on May 5. Awards will be on display by May 8. Come in to see these and 78 more!





A note from the Chairman, Tiffany Lane

**Monta Philpot's
"A Ouachita Portrait"
Collection to be on Exhibit in
Ouachita Center at UARM**

The exhibit will open with an artist reception on May 13 at 11:00 am in the Ouachita Center.

The restrictions from the past year are starting to lift, and along with it, the feeling of freedom has begun to return. If you are an artist, it's possible that the pandemic left you feeling one of two ways: unencumbered by "normal" life – allowing creativity to flow in abundance, or fatigued and depressed, stifling the creative muse. I have to admit, I am the latter. I haven't stepped foot near my easel in over a year now, and that makes me very sad. But it's terribly difficult to create when I'm not inspired, or when my heart isn't in the right place. So, instead of trying to force my art (which we know rarely works), I have taken a long sabbatical.

With Spring comes the magical transformation of our surroundings. This is difficult to ignore, and I've found myself itching to get back to my easel. The lifting of the pandemic's gloomy curse seems imminent, allowing me to have a cautious hopefulness about our future. I hope that your creative juices are still flowing, and you are able to enjoy the glorious beauty all around us. Please come by the gallery this month, and enjoy the beautiful works of artists whose talents know no bounds – you're sure to be inspired!

Looking for teachers . . .

Hopefully we can get back to offering classes at the Mena Art Gallery very soon. Our teachers share ALL KINDS of art and crafts for Adults and Children. Do you have a skill you would like to share? Do you know someone who might? Please call Lynn.

Check out our Member Galleries on our website. Does yours need updating? Would you like to have a new one? Let's do it!



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Student: \$10:00 Individual: \$25.00 Family: \$45.00 Sustaining: \$5 (or more) 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.

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