



August 2020

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Gallery Hours:  
Wed – Sat 10 am to 3 pm



## Art of the Heartland National Show Opens!

*If you went past the Gallery this past Sunday afternoon you may have seen some busy bees inside - hanging the latest national show.* Quite a bit goes into putting on one of these shows. The artists enter online and submit thumbnail photos of their works. Those are “juried” in, which means choosing those which are accepted. We would have needed a Gallery 3 times the size of the space we have in order to have accepted all the work this year! It was a fantastic turnout.

We then become a regular stop for our FedEx and UPS delivery folks as they bring us the artwork from all over the nation. We have works in this show from New York, California, Maryland, North & South Carolina, Colorado, Illinois, Texas, Florida, Oklahoma, Tennessee and, of course, Arkansas. The lady from Colorado is spending the summer in Wyoming so technically we could also count WY!

Unboxing, arranging, hanging and lighting the show is a time-consuming event. That happened Sunday. Judging is Friday. **DO NOT MISS THIS SHOW!** You have until end of October, but don’t wait!



**A note from the Chairman, Tiffany Lane:**

*What a wild summer it was . . . and now we look forward to the cooler temperatures that fall brings. Doesn’t seem like this year has flown by?*

*Our National Juried show will be on display for the next two months, and it’s exciting that two of our local artists have been juried into the competition. Congratulations to Judith Cantrell and Henry Moreno for this accolade! We have some amazing artists in our local community, and each year several of them are juried into the national shows.*

*Do you know someone who is an artist, but is not aware of our gallery? Let them know about us! We welcome new members, new ideas, and new mediums. We want to be able to showcase the multitude of talents in our local community.*

*Also, it appears the Chamber of Commerce is moving ahead with plans to hold the Ouachita Arts Celebration in November. Stay tuned for our gallery plans for the event!*



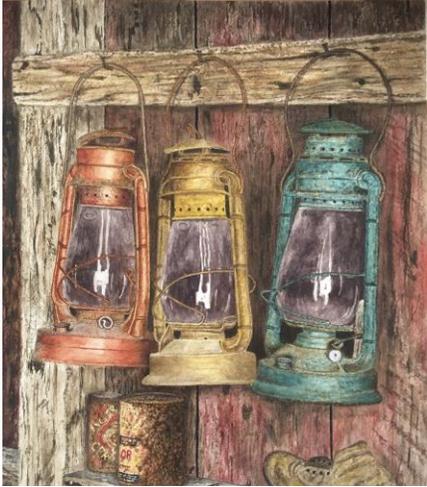
## Artist of the Month

### Michele Jackson

I am fairly new to the world of creating art but I am loving the journey. I retired in 2014, and in 2019 while on vacation a watercolor artist in a gallery caught my eye. She painted landscapes with a simplistic style. I decided to try my hand at watercolors and wanted to mimic her style. As it turns out, I cannot paint in her style at all so instead I've developed my own style.

I truly enjoy seeing an image come to life on paper. I work from photographs and I am drawn to images with interesting color, textures, and details. Often a painting goes through an "ugly stage" but with patience, perseverance, and more layers hopefully a lovely painting will result.

My analytical background lends itself to problem solving and trying new techniques. I have just scratched the surface with learning about art, watercolor, and painting techniques in general. I enjoy the learning process, and look forward to many years of learning, experimenting, and painting.



**Would YOU like to be next month's Feature Artist?**

**Please contact Lynn at the Gallery.**

*I do not know how anyone can live without one small place of enchantment to turn to . . .*

*– M.K.Rawlings*

## Are you creating work for the Christmas Show?

Drop off date will be November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Contact the Gallery if you need a different day.

I cannot believe we are already talking about Christmas! But it takes a while to make all those lovely items we sell in the last two months of the year. If you have not yet started then get busy! Please!

This has been the weirdest year yet, hasn't it? I find myself searching for anything that can be "the way it once was." Fortunately, the Gallery is turning out to be one of those. In the last show we sold one of Bridget's lovely shawls – the multi-colored one featured in the June newsletter. A lady purchased it for herself and I know she will enjoy it for years to come. Traffic to the Gallery is picking up. I wrote checks to 11 artists for August sales.

People will still want to give gifts and the Gallery has traditionally been a perfect place to shop. Let's see if we can't fill up the space as in years past with your unique, handmade items. Your items do NOT have to be Christmas-themed.



## People's Choice – 2020 Folk and Fiber Show

Each receives \$25

### People's Choice : Folk Art



Penny Brickman's  
Decorated Gourd

### People's Choice : Fiber Art

Niki Dempsey's "Punkins' in the Patch"



*People do not buy  
goods and services.  
They buy relations,  
stories and magic.  
@mediumboards*

Your Gallery is once again open normal hours, Wednesday through Saturday from 10 am to 3 pm.

If you need a private showing in order to feel comfortable being out in public, please let me know and we can set that up for you.

As always, there is no charge to enter and admire!

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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](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.

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