



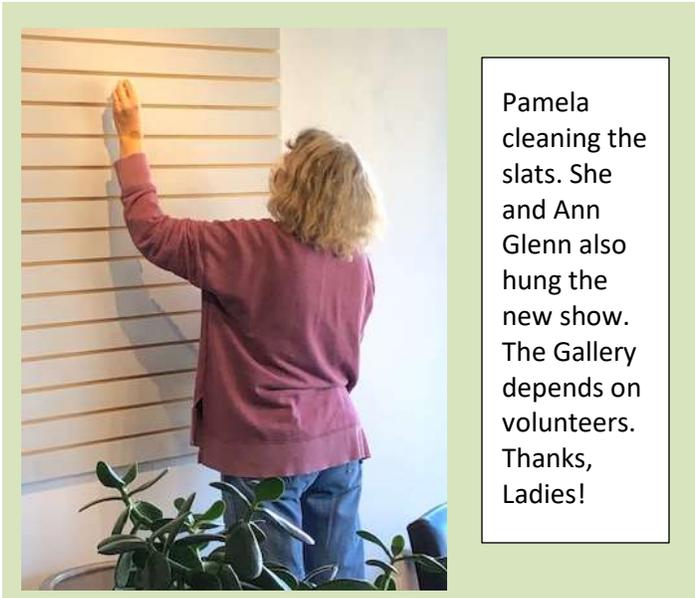
February 2021

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 Gallery Hours:
 Wed – Sat 10 am to 3 pm



Our neighbor from the **Wild Hare Art Glass Studio, Greg Ostman**, shoveling snow from the front of the Gallery on Saturday, February 20th. **Thanks, Greg!**

A page of THANKS!



Pamela cleaning the slats. She and Ann Glenn also hung the new show. The Gallery depends on volunteers. Thanks, Ladies!

Apologies and Thank You to the Mena Star for their coverage of our Shows . . .

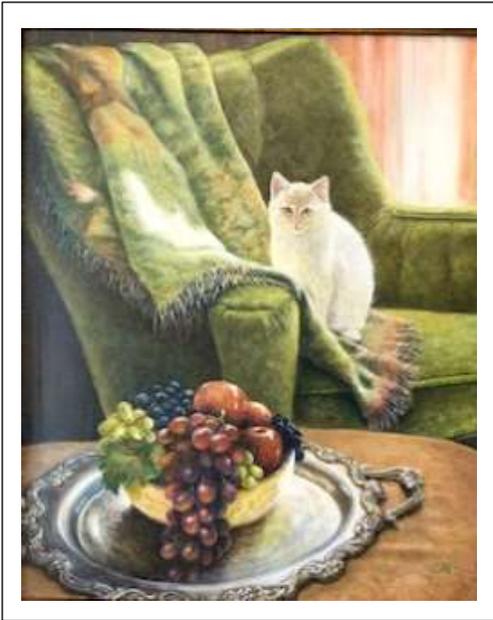
Apologies: In last month's newsletter I thanked the Pulse for their coverage but left out the Star. Because I was tardy in picking up our paper from the Post Office I had not seen that the Star also gave us coverage. To add insult to injury, I sent the Star the newsletter. Eating crow, here.

I apologize and thank the Mena Star sincerely for their continued support. - Lynn

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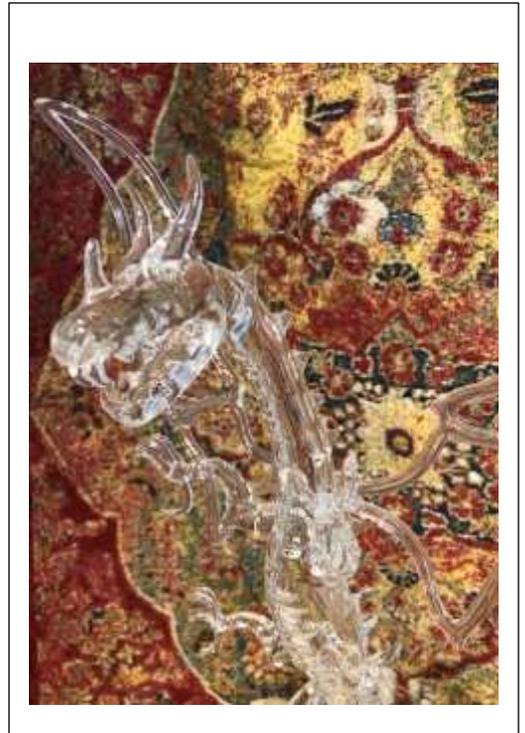
I don't have a photo because these two elves did their magic on a day I was not in the Gallery, so here is their completed list, instead. HUGE thanks to **Jim and Jane Brace** for everything, especially going up and down those narrow stairs.

Ouachita Expressions 2021



Best in Show

"Textures"
oil by
Carolyn
MacMahon



First Place

"Dragon"
Blown Glass
by Marvin
Gentry



Second Place

"Summer Sisters"
Pastel by Anita
Bogard



Third Place

"Oak Leaf Topper"
Wood by Stephen
Knott





Animal Art Award

“Morning Light”

Oil by Barbara Lewis

R.L. Norris Award

“Genesis”

Photograph by
Brittany Matthews



Honorable Mention

“Hanging Garden”

Ceramic by Pamela
Andrews



Ceramic Award

“Underwater Jar”

Ceramic by
Tammy Free

Funds for Best in Show, 1st, 2nd, 3rd place and the R.L. Norris Photography Award were provided by **Mena Title**.

Funds for the Floral Award provided by **Shelton Bohlman**.

Funds for the Animal Art Award provided by **Judith Forbis**.

Funds for the Ceramic Award provided by **Lynn Greenwade**.

Thank you All! We could not do it without you . . .

A fun story to share:

Shelton Bohlman provided the funds for the Floral Award. When he came in to make his choice, there were two other people here – one of our artists accompanied by a young lady.

Shelton chose his favorite and was explaining to me why he liked it. I suggested he congratulate the artist, who was browsing on the other side of the Gallery! What are the odds the winning artist would be the only other adult visitor in the Gallery at the time? They know each other now. Congratulations, Nancy!



Floral Award

“Crazy for Daisies”

Oil by Nancy Youngblood

Martha Kolemey was our judge for Ouachita Expressions this year. **Thank you, Martha!** She is an active member of the Ouachita Artists in Mount Ida and has painted all her life. Martha lives in the woods near Pine Ridge where there is plenty of inspiration for paintings.

Honorable Mention

“Costa Rican Folk Art”

Photograph by Ann Glenn

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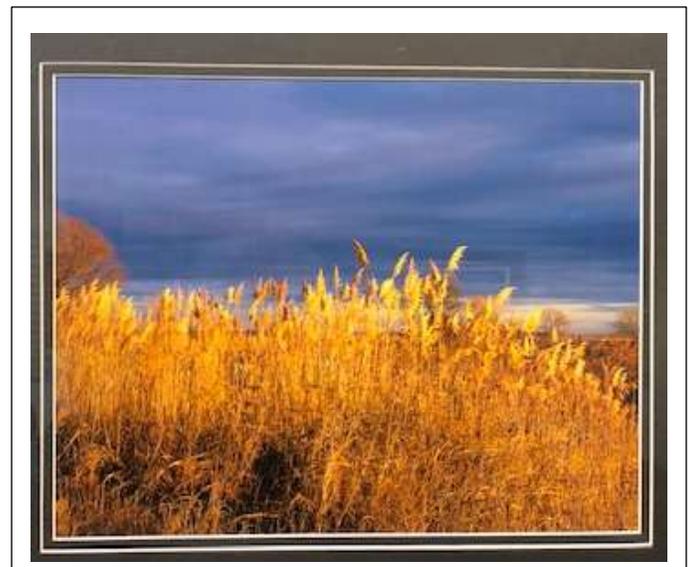
“Arkansas River Grass”

Photograph by Lowell Thomas



Needed at the Gallery:

- Someone to go through our “library” of books to organize. (In the next week or so . . .)
- Volunteers to Sit the Gallery for a couple of hours here and there.
- Letter size Hanging File folders – used would be fine.



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



Wow!! What a SNOW!! Hopefully some of you were able to get some photographs and reference material to create some art to commemorate the event. Snow is a great subject, as it lends itself to all sorts of exploration in the color palette. Where many people see “white,” artists see a wide array of colors, and use these to create the depths and nuances of Mother Nature’s winter gifts.

Our annual Ouachita Expressions Show is up at the gallery – and I encourage you to come by and explore the works of the talented artists in the region. Plus, the only way to vote for “People’s Choice” is by visiting the gallery in person and selecting your favorite. Please don’t miss this show! We are open regular hours, and anticipate your visit.

Next up will be the National Small Works Show, and I encourage local artists to enter ASAP! Several local artists have won awards in our national shows, as the talent level in our area is exemplary. Don’t miss your chance to win cash prizes!

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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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