



January 2020



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Upcoming: Ouachita Expressions

One of our longest-running, premier shows! Celebrate our 75th Anniversary with us.

All media are accepted. Cash prizes for Adult & Youth divisions. Entry date is Tuesday, March 3 from 10 to 4.

(Contact the gallery if you need an earlier date / time. No entries accepted after March 3rd at 4 pm)



The reception for this show will be on Saturday, March 7 from 6 – 8 PM

The show runs from March 7 thru April 25
Find rules at the Gallery or on our website.



A note from the Chairman, Tiffany Lane:

Happy New Year! I'm honored to serve another year as the Chairman for the Mena Art Gallery Board of Directors, especially during 2020 – a monumental year of celebration for our gallery!

In Board happenings, we welcomed new members Tammy Young and Sherry Balkenhol, both of whom are ready to serve the needs of our membership. Also, a big thank you goes out to David Maddox for being re-elected to yet another term on the Board. In addition, Jane Buttermilk Simmons was re-elected to serve as Board Secretary, and Linda Ostman was elected as our new Vice Chair. Our Board retreat this month was full of energy and ideas on how to sustain and improve the gallery.

Have you seen our new web site? It's so wonderful, but something is missing - YOU!! One benefit we are excited to provide our members is an opportunity to share their work on our "Member Artist Galleries" section of the site. Each member is afforded a place for a short biography and samples of artwork. Be sure you are listed there! Just contact our Executive Director, Lynn Greenwade, to be included.

Thank you for your continued support of our organization. If at any time you have suggestions, comments, questions, or input on how to improve things – please let me know!

What's Going On?

The Photography Club is back!

The first meeting was held in January. Plan to be there for February's meeting! Meetings are on the third Thursday from noon - 2 in the Gallery classroom. In February it will be the 20th. Bring a couple of your favorite photos on a thumb drive or printed out.

Our Gift Store has a new look . . .

Early in January we took literally EVERYTHING out and re-arranged, re-vamped, added new things. Come in and look and don't forget us when you need a unique gift.

Lynn says:

It is almost time to **PICK UP** work from the current show - Artists, please plan to pick up your work Saturday afternoon, February 1st, or Tuesday February 4 from 10 to 4. Our storage options are limited.

“You use a glass mirror to see your face; you use works of art to see your soul..”
- George Bernard Shaw -

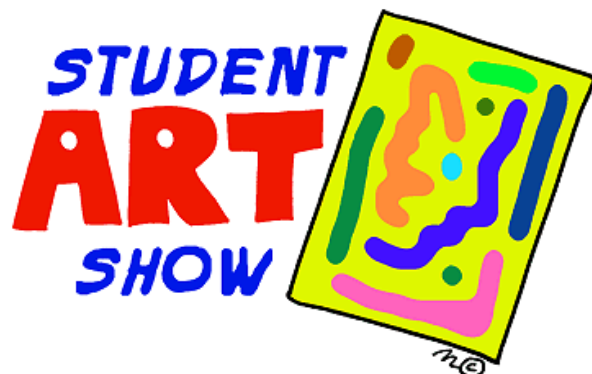


Pip Squeak came to see his portrait!

He lives next to our much-loved artist, Susan Sebren, who painted him in all his glory. Pip was not too pleased about posing but did put his best side forward.

CALL for ENTRY

Our Youth Show dates for 2020 are Feb 8 – Feb 29. Entries are due no later than 4 pm on Tuesday, February 4. There are multiple cash prizes and all mediums are welcome. Contact the Gallery for more info or see the Event on Facebook.



Our 75th Diamond Anniversary!

You will see and hear a LOT about our 75th Diamond Anniversary this year. For 75 years Southwest Artists, the parent of Mena Art Gallery, has been contributing art in a myriad of ways to our community. That is an amazing accomplishment for any gallery anywhere – but especially for a non-profit in a town this size. This significant milestone is made possible because the folks in and around Mena believe art is worth their support.



Let's talk PARTY!!

*The reception for the Ouachita Expressions
Show will be on
Saturday, March 7 from 6 – 8 PM*

Add it to your calendar now!

I have it on good authority Gilda Meyers has PCDC looking for elbow-length white gloves for her outfit. The committee for this show is already collecting everything diamond-themed they can put their hands on. There are very few occasions in our little town which allow (or even encourage) us to dress up. This is going to be one of them. Yes, you CAN come to the reception in jeans and a t-shirt. We won't throw you out. But you are INVITED to dress up, glam up, wear your bling (real or not), go a little crazy! Check out the back of your closet or the local re-sale stores and begin putting together your fun attire now. Can't wait!

January & February are Membership Months

If you have not yet renewed your membership please plan to do so soon. A big **Thank you** to those who have already renewed their support for the Biggest Little Gallery in Arkansas.

Please consider a monthly, sustaining membership . . . it works just like NPR does it – you authorize a small, monthly contribution from your bank account and never have to give it a second thought.

We appreciate you all so very much.

*Thank
you*

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: \$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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