



May 2021

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Gallery Hours:
Wed – Sat 10 am to 3 pm



Folk & Fiber Show Call for Entry

We are happy to announce we have lowered the age for participation in this popular yearly show to 14. Artists age 14 and up should start planning now to enter this unique, fun event.

CASH PRIZES:

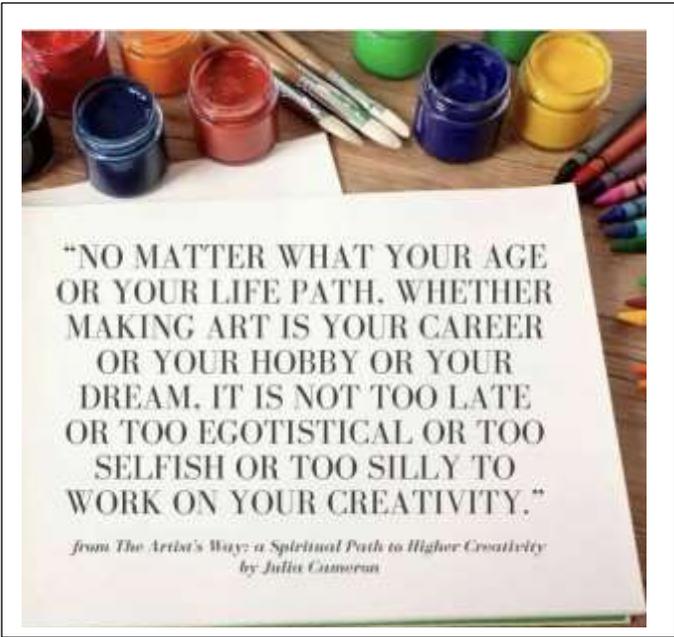
- First Place \$75
- Second Place \$50
- Third Place \$25

People’s Choice, \$25 each for Folk & Fiber

Work will be accepted for entry on Saturday, June 26, 2021 from 10 AM to 4 PM. Anything received after 4PM on June 26th will not be eligible for judging. Please contact the Gallery if you need to make other arrangements.

For Details on Rules and an Entry Form, contact the Gallery or download the form from our website, <https://southwestartists.org/folk-fiber-arts-show/>.

Please see the next page for some definitions of Folk Art.



The Cash MOB meets at the Art Gallery on June 12th at 10 am

They start off with some fun and games, then choose the business to be Mobbed. If you have not yet attended a Cash Mob, now is a good time to start!

We could use your help with:

Come in the afternoon before (Friday, June 11) to help set up chairs in the main Gallery.

Provide some snacks for the group. (Cookies or finger-foods.)

Please let Lynn know what you are able to help with.

And, Thanks!

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

Ouachita Expressions People's Choice Winner!



“Clematis”

Watercolor by

Michele Jackson

Congratulations, Michele!

What is FOLK ART? What is FIBER ART? For the purposes of the 2021 show, here are some guidelines . . .

FOLK Art is marked by such attributes as highly decorative design, bright bold colors, flattened perspective, and strong forms in simple arrangements.

Unlike more sophisticated art, folk art tends to make use of natural substances like wood, straw, clay and so on. It may include basket weaving, doll-making, enameling, furniture-making, wood-turning, pottery, leatherwork, metalwork, knife-making, mosaic art, jewelry-making, toy-making, papier-mâché, etc. Painting may also be in the form of decorative embellishment on other objects, such as textiles, glass, or wood. Our definition of folk art for this show is broad and inclusive.

FIBER Art may include sewing, crochet, knitting, embroidery, felt-making, lace-making, macramé, carpet-weaving, tapestry and quilts, etc. Free-standing sculptures made of textiles are also acceptable for this show.

We want YOUR ART for the upcoming show!

Photos of the current Small Works Show are up on our website . . .

Maybe you want another look at a piece you saw while in the Gallery. Perhaps you would like to share the show with someone far away. It's easy!

The website address is:
www.southwestartists.org, but you can find it on any platform by putting Mena Art Gallery into the search field.

Once there, check out ALL the photo galleries. You will find past national shows for years back, and a number of local shows, as well.

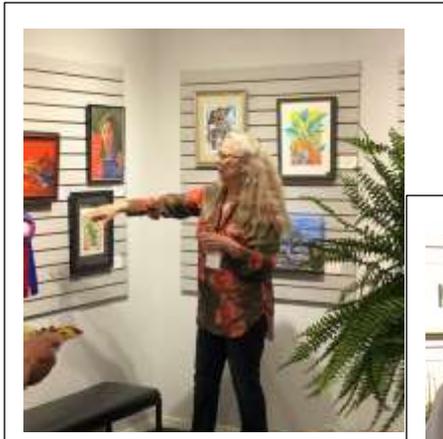
Lynn says: “The Mena Art Gallery Etsy store is on hold.”

If you agreed to dedicate some work to the store, I will put it back into the Gift Store unless you direct otherwise.

The store is on “vacation” in Etsy. If you have the time & desire to take on the continuing Etsy project, let me know.

Photos from the

2021 Small Works Reception



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

April showers bring...wait...May rain?

Oh, how much rain we have received! But this means that our area will continue to flourish and have lush foliage, healthy trees, and rolling creeks and rivers. Not a good time for outdoor activities – so why not pop into our gallery, and check out what’s going on this month?

The National Small Work Exhibit is here! And it truly is amazing. Artists from all over the nation have submitted works, and I really don’t know how our judge chose the best. There are so many top-notch works of art – and some from artists right here in Mena! You owe it yourself to swing by the gallery and take a moment to enjoy the show. Plus, it’s a great time to bring a young person by the gallery! This rain can make one restless after being forced to stay indoors, so load up the crew, and explore the variety of work in our current show. There is something for everyone!



We are ready to offer classes at the Mena Art Gallery again.

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.

Looking for teachers . .

The Gallery needs a Book Shelf

When we replaced the carpet in the classroom, the old bookshelf was discarded. It was a mess, honestly. We’ve also edited the art books / magazines, but still need a place to offer the ones that made the cut.

Do you have a bookshelf in good shape you would donate to the cause?

“There is a wonderful, almost mystical law of nature that says three of the things we want most – happiness, freedom and peace of mind – are always attained when we give them to others. Give it away to get it back.” - ***basketball coach John Wooden***

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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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