



October 2020

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Gallery Hours:  
Wed – Sat 10 am to 3 pm



## Thanks to Niki Dempsey for our scarecrow!



Mena Downtown Partners is sponsoring a scarecrow “contest” for the members downtown. The winner gets only bragging rights, but participation is the big thing. We did not want to be the only place **without** a scarecrow. I may have whined just a bit when I asked Niki, but it worked! Her work is always gorgeous. Thanks, Niki!

## New at the Gallery . . .



Art of the Heartland is coming down to make room for the **2020 Christmas Gift Show**. By next weekend we will have our tree up (courtesy of Niki Dempsey and Jan Wennberg) and the Gallery should be full of local, hand-made-with-love work appropriate for gift-giving.

If you like to give gifts that are unique and original, we will have you covered. We also offer free gift boxes for our smaller items, like jewelry.

## In search of Volunteers

*We are in need of volunteers. People to help sit the Gallery, do a little cleaning now and then, distribute flyers around town, help with intake and hanging of shows, work with the Exhibits Committee.*

*Could you spare a few hours? Contact Lynn, and thanks . . .*

## MAG Artist of the Month

### Lyn Dilbeck



Lyn does all types of Native American art. See her work at the Mena Art Gallery as well as the Four Winds Trading Post across the street.

***“Just because it was handmade does not mean it was cheap.” As a matter of fact, that makes it more valuable!***



## A note from the Chairman, Tiffany Lane:

It's hard to believe we are nearing the end of the year – but here we are. Cooler weather, fall leaves...and soon it will be Christmas.

As we head into the last months of 2020, I have two special favors to ask of you:

1) ***Please consider doing some of your holiday shopping at our gallery.*** Nothing is more personal that a piece of artwork, be it a painting, scarf, notecard or jewelry item, made by a local artist. You will find many one-of-a-kind gifts in our gift store, plus a variety of items in the gallery suitable for your loved ones. Our local artists rely on your purchases, now more than ever, and they truly appreciate your support.

2) ***Consider an end of year donation to the gallery, as part of your tax planning.*** Our gallery income is mostly from memberships, a percentage of sales, and donations like yours. We are solely non-profit, and your donation is crucial for the survival of our gallery as the cornerstone of the Downtown Arts District.

Thank you – and please continue to stay safe and stay warm!

**Creative people don't have a mess, they have ideas lying around everywhere!**

## Peoples's Choice Winner for Art of the Heartland

"The Stardust of Tomorrow"



Graphite by Linda Lucas Hardy of Texas.

Tim Tyler was the judge for this year's Art of the Heartland National Show. See his work at [tctyler.com](http://tctyler.com) or on Instagram at [braveart\\_tim](https://www.instagram.com/braveart_tim). Thanks, Tim!



## Christmas Show Intake is November 3

Lots of folks depend on us for their holiday shopping. If it's not here we can't sell it for you!

As this is not a judged show, work will be accepted through November & December.

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 Department of Parks, Heritage, and Tourism and the National Endowment for the Arts, as well as 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](http://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](mailto: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](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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