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Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

CRAG Growing and sending out roots for new art adventures



Presidents Corner



Farrell Ford and Nik Chamberlain
During the 2010 Tour

Allow me to start this with a quote from Ann Bittick, a Washington writer.

"Art is the international language by which we can communicate across cultural fences, expand, review, embellish, record and explore our history, our present and our dreams for tomorrow. Art is not just for the well-to-do; art is for everyone, great and small. Art inspires us to dance under the moon, write wondrous stories and theater pieces, spell by vision what we cannot as easily spell by letters and words."

I would add that art links us together by a common spirit of self expression whether we are artists or those who contribute to the art world by their participation in events and their support of the arts.

Visit our websites at:

Caddoriverartguild.com

Roundaboutartiststudiotour.com



Water color painting by instructor Richard Stephens of Hot Springs



March Water Color Class with instructor Richard Stephens

CRAG members enjoyed a watercolor class instructed by Richard Stephens of Hot Springs, AR. Richard spent the first half of the day showing us the back bone of how to use watercolors. There were 21 members and new comers in the class and everyone enjoyed learning with Richard so much that he has agreed to return in May for another class. There will be limited space so sign up with Rita Earles ASAP.



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March 17 Demo Show and Tell

CRAG members and guests always look forward to our twice a year "Show and Tell" programs. Everyone is invited to bring something they have created or is interesting to them and share it with the membership. This March's program was no exception. Christi Anderson brought some of her delicious flavored coffee to enjoy during the meeting. New member Deloris Lynders showed a painting she is using to make T-Shirts to advertise a book she has written. Nick Todd makes beautiful wooden turkey callers. He had a suitcase full of them that he had hand carved.

James Langley brought some of his "sticks" that he embellishes. He uses wild vines and interesting shaped limbs from trees. Dan Leamons is experimenting in oils and showed his lovely paintings. Sam Blackburn showed intricately carved wooden items. Nancy Tucker and Wanda Huneycutt exhibited their owl paintings. Phyllis Hughes showed the painting she had done at the Richard Stephens watercolor class. Naomi Lewis, Mike Uhl, Johnny Whatley, Rita Earles and Bunny Montgomery showed their artwork. Farrell Ford brought her silk fusion wall hanging. Louise Buckelew showed a piece of sculpture. There were more works of art from other members and I hate to have missed some of them. It was a wonderful evening with our talented members and guests

Awards given to deserving members

Newsletter Getter notes:

CRAG members urged to take part in HSU Arts Program



Farrell Ford presented Louise Buckelew and Tom Duncan outstanding service awards for their service to the CRAG Board of Directors. Our sincere thanks to them for all they have done to further the goals of the Guild.

It is that time again! 2010 CRAG dues time and RAAST fees.

Our Guild dues are \$15.00 each member for the year, the Round About Tour fees are \$75.00 and they include the CRAG dues. Pretty good bargain isn't it?

If you are sharing a studio with someone (like a wife or husband or friend) all year around, you may get a break on the Tour fee. The fee for "sharer's" is \$110.00 for both and that includes the CRAG dues also.

For the Tour entrants, please send me a NEW photo of yourself and 3 new photos of your work and a bio and directions to your studio for our website and booklet. If you have a website of your own, we will be glad to link with you.

Please send your info to: Phyllis Hughes, 1967 Hwy 51 N., Arkadelphia, AR 71923 or—bring them to the February guild meeting—or email them to me at: phughes_4439@hughes.net



HENDERSON STATE UNIVERSITY



The Henderson State University Visual Arts Department and the Dawson Educational Cooperative present
The HSU Summer Intensive Studio Classes 2011
 for Artists and Art Educators
 Dates - June 27 - July 1

Come down and create works of art at the beautiful Henderson State University Campus in Arkadelphia, Arkansas. Each participant will receive 30 hours of professional development approved by the South Arkansas Math and Science STEM Center.
 Studio Courses include -
 Ceramics, Printmaking, Sculpture, Drawing, Painting, Digital Design, Photography, Papermaking, and Curriculum Development.
 Contact Teresa Jester at (870) 230-5036 or email tjester@hsu.edu for registration information.





CRAG HAPPENINGS

The Caddo River Art Guild is growing so quickly it is difficult to keep up with all of the activities we are involved with. Our Calendar of Events on the CRAG website list many of the activities ahead for us. Be sure to keep up with what is happening. You may want to be right in the middle of everything.

Since February, we have said goodbye to Louise Buckelew and Tom Duncan off the Board of Directors and Hello to **Mike Uhl** who has graciously agreed to serve in their place.

We are frantically getting ready for the **2nd Annual Photo Contest**, headed by Deb and John Tackett with the help of their committee members. The rules and regulations are on the CRAG website also under the Photo site. You will find all you need.

March 5th, those members who enrolled in the **watercolor class with Richard Stephens as instructor** had a wonderful time and another class is scheduled for May 28th. Limited space so sign up ASAP.

We are enjoying our painting sessions so much, we have been invited to have a **free Plein Air** painting day at Rick Brumley's Pecan Grove Bed and Breakfast in Manchester. May 7th, 9:00 -? Rick will be providing a Dutch Oven lunch for a small charge of \$5.00 each. Limited space so again, sign up ASAP.

There are interesting demo's throughout the summer at the monthly CRAG meeting. You won't want to miss them.

Don't forget it is time to pay CRAG dues and sign up for the Round About Tour. Photos, bios, directions to your studio are needed for the brochure, website and booklet. This is our big yearly event. Your Participation is needed. Call Farrell at 870-246-8204.

Redundant I know! Please send photos and bios, fees.

Attention Artists:

What: **Art Off Main** sponsored by the Arkadelphia Rotary Sunrise Club

When: Friday, April 8, 4:30pm to 7:30pm

Art pieces dropped off and registered at Dawson Co-op Friday, April 8, from 9am till noon.

Where: Dawson Education Co-Operative, 711 Clinton Street

Why: Fund raising event for the Sunrise Rotary Club to benefit artists and the local community

Other: Artists will receive two free \$5 tickets upon registration. Tickets will be available at the door.

Refreshments and drinks will be served.

- **Please consider exhibiting one or two art works ready for hanging, sitting on an easel or displaying as sculpture or ceramic.**
- **Be aware that the Rotary Club will take 40% of each sale leaving you 60%. So price your work accordingly.**
- **The Rotary Club would also appreciate a donated piece entered in the silent auction exhibit. 100% of that sale will go to the Rotary Club.**

All proceeds collected by Rotary will go to a fund aiding local charities.

Call me for questions @ 870 403 8216

Farrell: 870 403 8216

Rita: 870 245 7982

If you have an announcement you would like to share with the Guild members just contact Phyllis at 246-7788

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Feb. Demo with Wanda Huneycutt Making Gold Jewellery

Wanda demonstrated how she melts down old gold pieces and makes jewelry out of the melted gold. One method was pouring the gold through broom straws. The cooled gold made beautiful designs she turned into pendants and rings. She brought her tools and many of her design pieces.



Door Prizes won at Feb. meeting: box of chocolate to George Baker. For March two prizes awarded to Nick Todd and James Langley.

