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Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

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New Year, New Beginnings

President's Corner



Farrell Ford

Generally speaking, as a person gets to "old age" they tend to become stationary,

satisfied with a life made for themselves and not wanting to change their direction or adjust anything around them. Just let the world move on, too old to do anything about it anyway. Just too much trouble to plot any other course of action. What a mind-numbing route to the end of life.

As I enter my 8th decade of life, every day is a new beginning, a new challenge filled with plans, surprises, new learnings, disappointments, rewards, yet filled with life.

Guess what I'm doing tomorrow?

Art Day, First Day

Several members of the Caddo River Art Guild, an umbrella group of the Clark County Arts and Humanities Council, enjoyed a day of art and creativity at the Arkadelphia Arts Center on January 10, 2013. We plan on opening the Arts Center each second and fourth Thursday of each month to any guild member who would like to participate. Bring your newest project to work on while sharing fun and fellowship.

More photos of the January 10 Art Day are available for viewing on Facebook; just "LIKE" the Arkadelphia Arts Center.

February dates are scheduled for the 14th and 28th, doors open at 9 am and close at 5 pm. Artists may arrive and leave at their leisure.



What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center

Jan. 30 - Feb. 28: "*Clark County Black History Celebration with Focus on Education Through the Years*". Inventors, school classroom replica, local history, and more will be on display.

Continue the celebration at the Soul Food Supper, Senior Adult Center, 1311 N. 10th St., Feb 16th, 5 to 8 pm; tickets are \$20 for adults, children 12 and under \$10, table of eight \$150. Tickets are available at the Arts Center.

March 8 - April 6: "*Southwest Regional V Art Educators 2013 Student Exhibition*". A competition of South and Southwest Arkansas public school art, kindergarten through 12th grade.

April 13: "*4th Annual Photography Contest*". Sponsored by the Caddo River Art Guild and open to anyone 12 years and older. Find the entry form and more details at www.caddoriverartguild.com.

Arkadelphia Arts Center, 625 Main St., hours are 10 am to 5 pm, Wed. through Sat. For more information, call 870-245-7982.

JANUARY PROGRAM — GRID TRANSFER

Twenty-six members and three guests were present at the January meeting. President Farrell Ford introduced her special guest, Jessica Caldwell, as her intern for the spring semester. Jessica is a graphic arts student at Henderson State University.

There was a full business meeting as it was the start of the new year. Various upcoming events were discussed and explained, with more information coming as dates get closer.

The January program "Using a Grid to Transfer Any Picture to a Canvas" was presented by Dan Leamons. To get started for this project, you will need some basic supplies including an image file on your computer that you want to paint, a copy of Dan's transparent grid overlay (a free download from <http://www.danleamons.com/grid-tutorial/>), a long ruler or yardstick (1-inch wide is best), pencil, canvas, and the graphics software GIMP (another free download at <http://www.gimp.org/>), which is similar to PhotoShop.

Using your long ruler, mark off one-inch increments down all four sides of your canvas surface. With the pencil, lightly connect the dots straight across the surface, then repeat for the vertical lines. Starting with the very top left square, number each square across the top and down the left side from 1 to whatever height your surface covers. If your canvas is 12 inches wide, you should have 12 squares numbered 1-12 across; if 12 inches tall, you should have 12 squares numbered 1-12 down.

The next step is to prepare your image on the computer with the GIMP program. Dan's handout explained the steps to manipulate your photo using his transfer grid in conjunction with GIMP. Basically, it explains how to use the computer to put the grid system onto your photograph, just like putting the grid onto your work surface. After printing out the photo with the adjusted grid, it is easy to lightly transfer your image square by square in pencil onto each corresponding square of your painting surface.

You will be amazed at how easy it is to transfer your image, and how precise your proportions are in comparison to the original by using this computer-aided grid process.

The door prize, an instruction book on painting animals, was won by Christi Anderson (bottom photo at right).



Dan Leamons demonstrates how to set up grid patterns on your computer.



Announcements and More...

If you have an announcement or upcoming event you would like to share with the Guild members just email to Carol at aegyptos2@sbglobal.net.

We will have workshops and painting classes for anyone interested. We now have a "home" for our meetings at the Arkadelphia Arts Center on Main Street, Arkadelphia, AR.

One of our major projects for the year is our Round About Artist Studio Tour.

We have added another major Art Project, our Photography Contest, held each April.

The Caddo River Art Guild is open to anyone who would like to join us. You do not have to be an artist to be a member.

Our monthly meetings are normally the 3rd Thursday of each month. The meetings are held at the Arkadelphia Arts Center at 625 Main St. in Arkadelphia at 6:30 pm. Demonstrations on a variety of art or related subjects will be given.

Anyone interested in joining the Art Guild or being part of the Studio Tour can contact Farrell Ford, 870-246-8204, for more information.

**February 21, 2013
CRAG Meeting**

Rita Earles will present a program on "Using the Color Red in Oil Painting". Annual \$15 membership fees are now being collected. Deadline for payment is March 1. Dues must be current to participate in the annual RAAST.

HSU/CRAG Exhibit

The HSU/Caddo River Art Guild show continues at the Russell Fine Arts Gallery, 604 N. 12th St., through February 25.

Show-N-Tell in March

The March program will be Show-N-Tell, always a popular and well-attended event. Bring your latest completed project.

Workshop Idea?

Workshops and CRAG programs are being scheduled for 2013. If you have a suggestion or idea for either, call Rita Earles at 870-245-3612 or email at arkansasearles@dishmail.net. Check the Events folder on our website to see what is upcoming so far.

April Photo Contest

Betsy Fulmer announced that the 2013 CRAG Spring Photography Contest will be held April 13. More information on deadlines will be available as this annual event gets closer. J & S Framing will act as the drop-off point for photographs this year.

WOOD CARVER WANTED:

Local retiree would like an instructor to show him the basics of wood carving and whittling. Call 405-312-1425.

Painting Workshops

CRAG is offering TWO workshops, a watercolor workshop in March and an oil painting workshop in April. Both of these provide a great opportunity to improve your skills or learn a new medium!!

Both workshops will begin at 9 am so we'll start setting up at 8:30. Coffee will be provided. Each workshop will have a lunch break, and paint until 4 pm.

The cost is \$65 each which includes your 2013 guild membership fee of \$15. If you have already paid your 2013 membership fee, then the cost of a workshop would be \$50.

You can sign up for one or both, but space is limited. The instructors will spend one-on-one time with participants during the afternoon hours.

NOTE: I am already getting calls from out of town on the watercolor workshop because instructor Richard Stephens has posted the March workshop on his website and his Facebook page!!

WATERCOLOR WORKSHOP

MARCH 16, 2013

Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm

Instructor: Richard Stephens

Beginners to advanced painters

Dawson Educational Cooperative, 711 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia

If you would like to see a supply list before you sign up just e-mail me and I'll zip one to you.

OIL PAINTING WORKSHOP

APRIL 27, 2013

Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm

Instructor: Ed Martin, retired HSU art instructor

Intermediate to advanced painters

Dawson Educational Cooperative, 711 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia

Call 870-245-3612 or e-mail me at arkansasearles@dishmail.net to sign up. I'll need your payment to have a definite hold for your spot. If you e-mail, please be sure to include your phone number so that I may call you to confirm and discuss more specific information.

Thank you, Rita Earles

FOR SALE: Logan Simplex Mat Cutter 700, \$100. Contact: nikchamberlain@yahoo.com

CRAG Exhibit at Russell Fine Arts Gallery

Henderson State University and the Russell Fine Arts Gallery invited members from the Caddo River Art Guild to display their artwork from January 24 through February 25.

An Opening Reception was held on Thursday, January 24, from 2 to 4 pm.

The Russell Fine Arts Gallery is located at 604 N. 12th Street, Arkadelphia. Gallery hours are Monday through Friday 9 am to 5 pm.

