

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

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Arkadelphia Awarded the Mural Project

President's Corner



Farrell Ford

The community of Arkadelphia is happy to announce the granting of funds from the Mid-America Arts Alliance to have a nationally-recognized mural artist, Dave Loewenstein of Lawrence, KS, along with his assistant Ashley Laird and apprentice Jordan

Karpe, lead our community in painting a mural in the downtown area. Two community meetings were held in August in which the west wall of the Honeycomb Building was chosen as the mural site and to gather ideas to include in the mural.

The applicant organization for the project is the Clark County Arts and Humanities Council. The management organization is the Caddo River Art Guild. This is a community event and will involve the citizens from the design of the mural to the actual painting of the artwork.

The artist and his two assistants were present at the CRAG August meeting to meet and discuss the project with guild members. It was announced that living arrangements have been graciously provided for the artists during their stay in Arkadelphia.

What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center

The Courtyard Gardens exhibit, "Community Art—Art is Ageless" continues through Sept. 15th.

In addition, works by the art professors at HSU and OBU will be on display through Oct. 13th. It is called "HSU-OBU Art Faculty Exhibit".

Sept. 21 through Oct. 13 will also bring the preview of the local artists on the 6th Annual Round About Artist Studio Tour, called "Studio Tour Preview".

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

Round About Artist Studio Tour is Just Around the Corner

There are 27 entries for the Round About Artist Studio Tour this fall. Many new faces and fresh works of art for a whole new art experience. Be sure to mark your calendars for Oct. 19, 20, 21st. This is a **free** self-driving tour of all the local artists studios and some at the Art Center and in the

Rec. Center.

We are active in getting our website freshened up with our new faces and their works. Be sure and check us out.

The brochures are ready and being given out at this time. The guide book is being set up and will be printed soon. We are getting closer.



Tom Duncan

July PROGRAM — Rita Earles The Problem with Green in Landscape Painting

Guild member Rita Earles presented “Ideas to Help Improve Your Landscape Painting” at the July CRAG meeting. She was introduced by program chair Deloris Lynders. The focus of the program was how green is one of the most common colors found in nature, and how to achieve better variations of green in your own paintings.

Rita brought a painted sample canvas showing shading and lighting for green leaves on a plant. By mixing the colors yellow and blue, she explained various combinations of green for use with different trees and landscape. The sweet-gun tree with house painting she brought showed a variety of sunlight and shadow mixtures of green.

A helpful hand-out included examples of

what shade of green to use in atmospheric perspective. Rita also explained how to use a color wheel to match complimentary colors in your artwork. She talked about different colors of sky, along with depth and focal points.

Rita’s miniature paintings have been shown around the world and most recently at the 5th International Miniature Exhibition in Moscow, Russia. She paints tiny one-inch paintings, four-foot landscapes and all sizes in between. Rita’s studio will be on the 2012 Round About Artist Studio Tour.

The July door prizes, donated by Rita, were two prints of her work and were won by John Tackett and Johnny Whatley.



Rita Earles discussing the use of green.

Wanda Huneycutt also won a set of note cards featuring a print of Rita’s work.

August PROGRAM — Making Knives with Stephen Seale

A very different form of craftsmanship was presented at the August guild meeting. Stephen Seale of High Point Knives, Arkadelphia, discussed the construction of his amazing handmade knives. He explained the three basic parts of the common knife.

First, the blades can be cut, ground or forged from new high-carbon steel or from reclaimed materials such as railroad spikes, sturdy auto parts, and various old-fashion machinery blades. After the blade has been high-temperature forged, it can be embellished with decorative filing or engraving.

The second part is the guard or bolster, which can be made from steel, brass, copper, wood, or bone. The handle, the third component in the manufacturing of a knife, can be fashioned from a wide variety of woods, horse-stall mat, rubber tires, bone or antler. The wildebeest bone that Steve had on display will make a very unique handle.

Stephen Seale can be contacted at srseale61@gmail.com or 870-246-5881 for more information.



Steve Seale displayed a unique variety of knife-making materials.

Phyllis Hughes donated an artist’s watercolor instruction book for the August door prize which was won by Don Eubanks.

Announcements, etc.

If you have an announcement or upcoming event you would like to share with the Guild members just email to Carol at oklatwister@hotmail.com.

RAAST members: New bios and photos of artists' work are up on website now.

Some of you are past due on paying your dues. Your dues help support the many projects we work on all year. We want our members to stay with us. Those who have not paid by June 30, will be deleted from our list of members (OH NO!)

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.

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 St. Arkadelphia, AR. One of our major project for the year is our Round About Artist Studio Tour. It has been very successful. We are working on our 6th annual Tour now. We have added another major Art Project, our Photography Contest, held in April.

Our monthly meetings are 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.

Town Hall Coffee

Guild members will have a chance to exhibit their work at the September 26th **Town Hall Coffee**. Some hanging art was brought to the August Guild meeting. All other art should be brought to the Town Hall between 8 and 9 am on the morning of the coffee. These may be pieces that sit on tables and/or small paintings, etc. All art will be removed immediately after the coffee at 11 am.

2013 Programs/Workshops

Each member was given a two-page CRAG Programs/Workshops 2013 handout at the August meeting to fill out and return to let us know what programs you would like our Guild to present during 2013. The second page listed some of our past programs and workshops. Through your input, we want to present interesting, fun and informative workshops and programs to develop our organization. Please bring your completed form to the September 20th meeting.

Clark County Fair Sept. 10-15

'Display & Play at the Clark County Fair' is this year's theme for the county fair to be held at the Fairgrounds Sept. 10 through the 15th. Mike Uhl, 903-815-2928, is asking for volunteers to help man the CRAG booth. You may bring a piece of your art for show only. Tour brochures and applications for CRAG membership will be handed out.

Do you have any entries in the Fine Arts division? Do you participate in the Arkansas State Fair? The *Caddo River Chatter* would love to give our artists a write-up in our future newsletters. Show us your ribbons!

Sept. Meeting is Show And Tell !!

Our September 20th program will be the second **SHOW AND TELL** program for 2012. Each member or guest is invited to bring a recently completed item to share with the group. This is a popular program as it inspires our creative juices. If you have not attended a monthly meeting lately, come back and share your creations with us.

RAAST artists may bring one piece of sellable art to the September meeting to display at the Arts Center until October 13.

Share Your Tips!

The *Caddo River Chatter* would like to include a column sharing practical tips for artists. Share your great ideas or even things to avoid, what simple experiments have you learned that helped develop your artistry. Do you have a clever tip on cleaning brushes, creative storage for supplies, good advertising methods, framing or display techniques, how to clean jewelry, etc.? Email up to three tips to Carol Swigart at oklatwister@hotmail.com for future publication.

Left to right: Mural artist Dave Loewenstein, guild member Christi Anderson, and mural apprentice Jordan Karpe talking after the August meeting.

