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Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
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Changes at the Arts Council

President's Corner

For the past two years I have been heavily involved in the reactivation and growth of the Clark County Arts and Humanities Council. It was a good feeling to know that during this time the Caddo River Art Guild is a stable and self-sustaining organization and that I was not guilty of neglecting that obligation. The Arts Council is still striving toward that goal.

Much of this time with the Arts Council, I was the executive director. The past two months, the Council has been searching for a replacement for this position. We recently hired Nicholas Langley to fill that position. We believe Nick is a very good fit for our organization. I am working

closely with him as he learns the day-to-day process.

Dr. Scott Holsclaw has resigned as president of the Arts Council.

I have accepted this position. It is my aim to keep the Clark County Arts and Humanities Council on track with its goals and objectives to bring art to our community and our community to the arts.



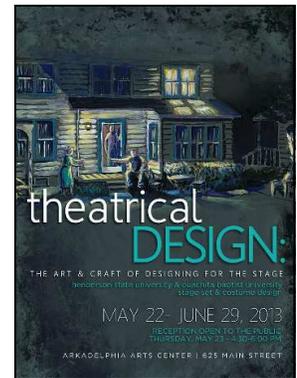
Farrell Ford

New Executive Director Named

The Clark County Arts and Humanities Council has a new executive director. Nicholas Langley will replace Farrell Ford. Ford will assume the president position of the council from Scott Holsclaw who recently offered his resignation from the council.

Nick Langley was born in Little Rock and has grown up in Arkadelphia. He attended Arkadelphia High School and is currently enrolled at Henderson State University, where he received his BFA in Graphic Design and is pursuing an MFA in art history working as the Graduate Assistant of Art History. He has presented his writings and research at conferences in New York, San Diego and San Francisco. He is the illustrator of "The Geek Handbook" published by Krause Publications, a book that has sold over ten thousand copies since its release in November 2012.

What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center



May 22-June 29: **"Theatrical Design: The Art & Craft of Designing for the Stage"** Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University stage sets and costume design.

July 11-July 31: **"Retrospective"** A collection of art from Clark County artists of the past.

August 2-Sept. 7: **"Quilted Treasures"** Sharing the art of quilting, an artistic and social event.

Sept. 11-Oct. 12: **"Sweet Tea and Porch Swings"** An honest portrait of country life, photography from HSU University art major Sherry O'Rorke.

The Arkadelphia Arts Center is located in downtown Arkadelphia at 625 Main Street in the historic Royal Theatre, built in 1932. It is open Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm, 870-245-7982. Free to the public.

May Program — Box Car and Mail Art

Clad in his signature overalls, new CRAG member Russell Butler, born in Lafe, Arkansas, gave an enlightening program on Mail Art and Box Car Art. Russell informed the group about the origins of rail or box car art when 'JBKing esq' started tagging train cars with chalk in the 1900s. Later, hobos would steal chalk from the railroad stations and make symbols on water towers, fences, and on railcars. Russell started his own creations in late 1971. He explained about the various monikers, or signatures, used in the past and present.

Mail art was started to promote tourism, hoping stamp collectors would like to visit the places shown on national and international stamps. This led to several "congresses", gatherings of collectors and underground artists, who took the mail artwork to new heights. Russell told a story about his and HSU professor Ed Martin's 1992 World Tour of Germany mail-carrier delivery congress.

Russell showed examples of his art and explained how this type of art became known nationally and also internationally. Russell now lives in Gurdon and will be on the RAAST this year.

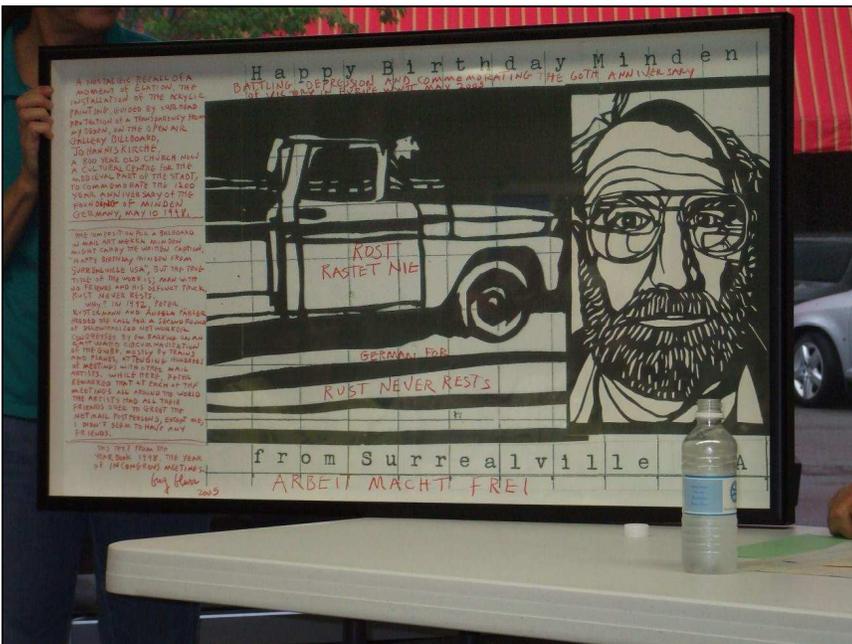
DOOR PRIZE: A book on butterflies and a notebook was won by Wanda Huneycutt.



Above: Russell Butler shows examples of famous brands used to "sign" rail art.

Right: Various monikers up close.

Below left: One of Russell's art pieces from the Germany congress.



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.

The Caddo River Art Guild 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 held each October. Check out our website for more information.

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.

June 20 CRAG Meeting on 'Art Aids, Why Didn't I Think of That!'

The June meeting program will be on helpful hints that all members are encouraged to share with each other. Phyllis Hughes will be leading the discussion and demonstrations.

Everyone is welcome to bring examples of their tips, props, gadgets, recycled and repurposed aids that they use while creating art.

Local Quilt Show in July

The Hot Springs Area Quilt Guild will be holding their biannual Quiltfest 2013 "Borders & Beyond" at the Hot Springs Convention Center, July 12 & 13, from 10 am to 4 pm. CRAG member Carol Swigart entered 4 quilts, two art quilts and two traditional quilts, in the show.

Photographer Needed

We are in need of a photographer to visit each stop on this year's art tour to take digital photos of the artwork and studios for the powerpoint presentation and CDs produced after the tour.

Program Ideas?

There is an opening for Program Chair to gather ideas for upcoming CRAG meetings and workshops. Please contact Farrell Ford or Rita Earles.

New CRAG Library

Dolores Middleton has cataloged the art books donated to the Caddo River Art Guild by former member Louise Buckelew by author, title, and subject, and into subjects of oil, watercolor, other media, famous artists, and other. These are now available to be checked out. Fill out the library card in the front of the book and leave the card behind the yellow tab in the card box. Please bring the book back within two weeks and leave with the volunteer on duty. Middleton will be cataloging the magazines in the near future. The books are offered to guild members only at this time. Contact Dolores if you are interested in donating additional art books to our new library.

Winter Wonderland Show & Sale

The Clark County Arts and Humanities Council would like to invite Caddo River Art Guild members to participate in the Arkadelphia Arts Center's December 2013 show "Winter Wonderland", December 4th through December 28th. We are asking that the art have a winter theme or a winter feeling to it.

Besides the obvious winter landscapes and winter themes, there could be images of such things as: Abstracts with icy colors, or bare sticks/branches, or ice crystals ... quilts/afghans ... fireplace ... winter sports ... holly berries ... winter birds ... cocoa ... snow ... etc.

Art will be for sale. The Arkadelphia Arts Center will take 30% as a donation to the non-profit CCAHC, and you will receive 70%. Please limit your submissions to five. The art should be ready to hang (or set if 3-D).

We will be advertising this show as a great place to purchase unique holiday gifts! I wanted to make you aware of this opportunity so that you can consider creating winter art this summer! This will not only promote your art but help the Arts Center financially through the sale of the art.

You may bring your work to the Center beginning Wednesday, October 30th through Saturday, November 16th. Center hours are Wednesday through Saturday 10 am to 5 pm.

Contact Rita Earles if you have any questions or concerns at this e-mail: arkansasearles@dishmail.net, or phone 870-245-3612 or cell 870-245-7982.

Arkansas Artist Registry

The Arkansas Artist Registry is free and open to all visual artists who are Arkansas residents. It is a unique and valuable online visual arts resource designed to promote and market Arkansas art.

To view the Registry and obtain an application form, visit: www.arkansasarts.org. Their current Call for Entries: Small Works on Paper, deadline July 26, 2013, see the Arkansas Artist Registry website for entry forms.

Upcoming Art Days

Join your fellow CRAG members every 2nd and 4th Thursdays. The Arkadelphia Arts Center opens at 9 am on Art Day and you are welcome to come and go as you like. It closes at 5 pm.

June 27, July 11 and July 25 are the upcoming Art Days.

Around the Local Arts World

Hot Springs Photography Competition / 2013

Open to all photographers residing in the United States, age 16 years or older. All forms of photography are accepted - monochrome, color, digital, traditional darkroom prints, hand tinted or otherwise manipulated.

Important Dates

entry deadline/July 9

notification date/July 15

finalist exhibition/ August 2 to September 1

Registration Fee

\$35 for one to three artworks (\$25 for members of The FAC of HS) payable online at website or by mail.

Awards

\$ 300 Ohio Club Best of Show

\$ 175 First Place

\$ 100 Second Place

\$ 50 Third Place

Judging

The judge is Chuck Dodson, who will select up to 30 finalists for the exhibition at The Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs.

Chuck Dodson, a Hot Springs renaissance man, is a musician, composer, producer (music and movies), writer, poet, filmmaker, gallery owner, visual artist, and photographer. Chuck's passion is to promote people who inspire him. He has encouraged artisans in all genres through sponsoring exhibitions, performance venues, and recordings. He had owned and operated The Gallery@404B in Hot Springs where he showcased emergent artists and was awarded the 2009 "Best Small Art Gallery in Arkansas" by The Arkansas Times.

His photography has been exhibited at Taylor's Contemporanea and can be viewed at <http://chuckdodson.tumblr.com/>.

Download entry form at The FAC-HS website: <http://hsfac.org/photo-comp-13.html>

To enter, mail entry form and fee to The FAC-HS or email entry form and pay online at The FAC-HS website.

The Fine Arts Center of Hot Springs
PO Box 6263, Hot Springs, AR 71901



An opening reception was held on Thursday, May 23, from 4:30 to 6 pm at the Arkadelphia Arts Center, 625 Main Street, for the newest exhibit, "Theatrical Design: The Art & Craft of Designing for the Stage".

Photos courtesy of the Arkadelphia Arts Center Facebook page. Like us!

