

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas

Summer Time Fun with The Caddo River Art Guild

President's Corner



Farrell Ford

Caddo River Art Guild.

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Arkadelphia, Arkansas is indeed fortunate to have a thriving community of artists. We can take pride in having three strong areas of formal art instruction programs in Henderson State University, Ouachita Baptist University, and our public school plus many excellent self taught practicing artists. The combined efforts of these institutions and organizations like the Caddo River Art Guild continue to bring art awareness to the forefront. With structured classes, art educational programs and workshops we are constantly working on our mission to promote the arts and artists.

Visit our other website at roundaboutartiststudio-tour.com for more information on our tour artists.



JerryBurrow



Plein Air workshop at the home of Farrell and James Ford

Caddo River Art Guild Update

OLD BUSINESS

Hank Armstrong gave a report of 126 entries in the recent public photography contest with \$1,375 awarded in prize money. Ninety-two attended the reception on Saturday afternoon. It was suggested that plans for this event be moved to an earlier date in order to have more time to consider changes and improvements if needed.

Rita Earles reported that 15 participated in the Plein Air Workshop held May 15 that was led by Hugh Dunnahoe, a professional artist from Hot Springs. Feedback from this was good and led to a suggestion for plans for another similar workshop.

NEW BUSINESS

Phyllis Hughes displayed the 2010 RAAST brochures. These new brochures will be distributed at a later date closer to the art tour.

President Farrell Ford passed out new 2010 brochures for the Arkansas Artist Studio Tour. These brochures were paid for with funds from a grant submitted by representatives from the three tours, Round About Artist Studio Tour of Arkadelphia, Off the Beaten Path Studio Tour of Mt. View, and Ouachita Art Trails Studio Tour of Mena. The grant of \$8600 was funded by the Arkansas Arts Council. The bulk of these brochures will be distributed later.

May Demo Steve Huddleston— Art for Children

Steve Huddleston, former director of the Arkadelphia Recreation Center demonstrated art for children at a recent CRAG meeting. He called members of the guild forward to show various drawing games that can be used to teach children how to use art in expressing themselves. It was an entertaining evening with members participating.

Here we see **James Ford** and **Jerry Burrow** using a Pictionary technique.



June Demo

Rita Earles and Farrell Ford Types of Painting Surfaces

Rita Earles began the program showing the difference between cotton canvas and linen canvas and described the process of the fabrics preparation with rabbit skin glue and flake white gesso. She demonstrated how wooden stretcher bars are assembled and then stretched a canvas using canvas pliers and a staple gun. Farrell, discussed other surfaces of canvas panels of cotton and linen, masonite, ivory and ivorine, water color paper, glass, rock, tree bark and metals..



Arkansas Art Council Grant

Three Arkansas Art Guilds have been given a \$8600 grant to promote the Art Tours in their areas. The Off the Beaten Path Tour in Mt. View, Arkansas, The Quachita Art Trails of Mena, Arkansas and the Round About Tours of Arkadelphia, Arkansas. The 3 groups headed by **Rick Chrisman**, **Becki Dalhstedt** and **Farrell Ford** are using their portions of the money to make a brochure inclusive of all the tours and put them into the Visitor Centers and Chamber of Commerce centers all over the state. Farrell Ford has worked tirelessly to promote this opportunity using the grant money from the Art Council.

Newsletter Getter:

We have had a full year of activities so far. Since we began, we have tried to add something new and interesting to our programs and classes. Surely there will be something for all of us offered before the year is out.

We begin the new year getting prepared for the Round About Tour in the Fall. It takes a great deal of preparation to make it all come together on time. We have had classes on photography, a wonderful plein air class and we have added another big project beside the Tour. With the help of Shawn and Hank Armstrong and their committee a Photography Contest was held in the spring and we hope to make this another annual event. We are finding that there are so many artists and want to be artists who are hungry for what we can provide. We hope to be able to

continue finding interesting projects for our members and we want to add more names to our growing membership.

If there is something you would like to learn or see demonstrated be sure to let us know.

No one is more enthused and excited than Maggie the Cat.



Plein Air Class taught by Hugh Donahoe

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

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CRAAG artists are diverse in their talents. We have potters, wood sculpture, iron sculpture and gourd sculpture. There are oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor and pen and ink artists, paper tole and jewelry makers. Fabric artists, serious and funny artists, you will fit in somewhere. We are always looking for our area artists to be part of the Guild and the Round About Tour. Come to our monthly meetings. Every 3rd Thursday at 6:30 pm we meet at the Arkadelphia Recreation Center. The public is welcome. We have interesting demonstrations at each meeting. For more info call Farrell Ford, 246-8204.

Plein Air Class

Our class was held in the yard of Farrell and James Ford. There were many painting set-ups all over the place. A lunch was included in the class and a big thank you to Waynette Schuler for the delicious salads and deserts. The Fords worked hard planting flower beds and making the yard a place of beauty for our painters. The instructor, Hugh Donahoe was interesting and everyone enjoyed the experience.

Wanda Huneycutt, Mike Uhl, Louise Buckelew, Rita Earles and Maggie the Cat are shown in the photos.