

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
Arkadelphia, Arkansas

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It Takes A Community

President's Corner

Recently, I was very fortunate and honored to receive the award of "Volunteer of the Year" presented by the Regional Economic Development Alliance and Area Chamber of Commerce. It is given to a person who has invested time and energy in the promotion of the local area. My work centers around the promotion of the local arts and artists by bringing local and state-wide recognition to the artists, our art community, and to our area in general.

A by-product of this is the increase in tourism thereby helping to aid in the local economy. It is good to have a person recognized for their work; however, that person is only one of a

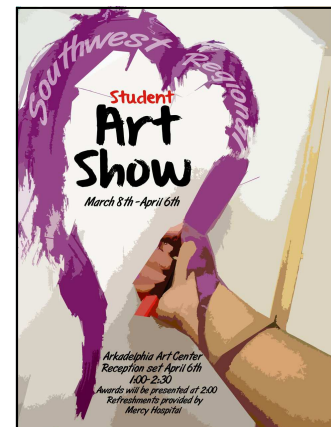
vast number of persons who are working every day getting things done and helping people and places to accomplish their goals.

Wouldn't it be interesting to have an approximate count of the number of volunteers on any given day in any given community who serve as the glue that holds their small part of the world together?



Farrell Ford

What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center



The Southwest Regional V Student Art Show, full of colorful and creative art and a joy to see, is now showing at the Arkadelphia Arts Center. This is a show of kindergarten through 12th grade student work from 10 school districts in the southwest region of Arkansas. The first-place winners at this regional show will move on to the state competition.

The show opened Friday, March 8th and will run through Saturday, April 6th culminating in a reception, open to the public, from 1 to 2:30 pm with recognition of the winners at 2:00.

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.

Art Day Fun

Yes! We are continuing to have ART DAY 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.

Bring your latest project to work on while sharing your creativity with other guild members.

March 28, April 11 and April 25 are the next scheduled Art Days.

Farrell, Johnny and Deborah participate in one of the February Art Days.



February Program — Red In Oil Painting

An icy and cold day did not prevent 29 member and one guest, Linda Haynie, from participating in the February meeting. At the business meeting, Farrell Ford was re-elected to the CRAG Board position #4.

The program for February's guild meeting was given by Rita Earles on "Red in Oil Painting". She began by talking about the color wheel and the relationship of the color red to the other colors on the wheel. She explained color "temperature" and had examples of warm reds and cool reds. She also discussed "value", which refers to how light or dark an image is, and had a value chart using red.

Another visual aid was a painting in gray scale that she had done of a sphere and a vase. Rita explained "intensity", sometimes referred to as "saturation". She explained further by showing how red gets duller as it's opposite on the color wheel - green - is added to the red. These principles were demonstrated as she mixed color on her palette and painted examples.

The color wheel door prize was won by Christi Anderson and the tube of Permanent Rose oil paint was won by Jerry Burrow.

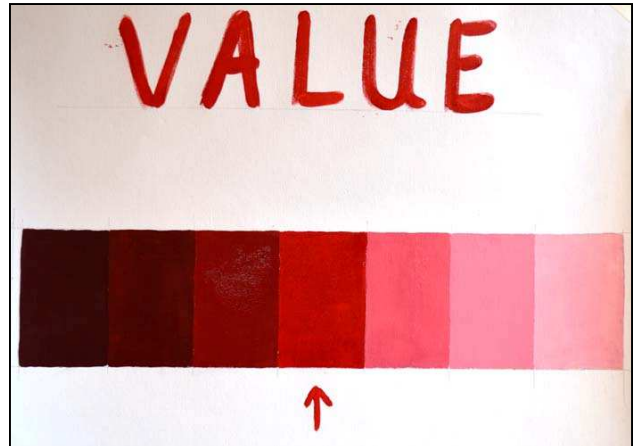


Photo at left: A transparent red painted over a value study of a sphere.



Rita's paintings of grocery items are examples of a variety of warm and cool reds.

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@sbcglobal.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.

March 21, 2013 CRAG Meeting is Show-N-Tell

The March program will be Show-N-Tell. We always have a crowd for this popular program, so arrive early to get set up or grab a prime seat.

Membership Dues

CRAG membership fees of \$15 are now due with the deadline extended to mid-March.

The RAAST entry deadline has been extended to April 18. That fee is \$60. These may be paid to Phyllis Hughes.

After RAAST fees are paid, Phyllis asks that photos of the artists' new work and updated bios be sent to her at phughes4439@gmail.com to be printed in the annual RAAST brochure.

No 2013 Photo Contest

The Annual Spring Photography Contest has been cancelled for 2013. This gives you a whole year to get ready for the 2014 Contest.

Program Ideas?

Becky Harvey has volunteered to obtain meeting programs for 2013. If anyone has suggestions, contact Becky at macedoniapbc@gmail.com, or 870-246-2009.

Art On Main in May

The Sunrise Rotary Club will sponsor Art On Main on May 3rd at the Arkadelphia Arts Center. Any artist may participate with a limit of 3 paintings for display. Art items must be marked with a sale price or whether it's not for sale. The Rotary Club will receive a percentage of all sales. A silent auction will also be held and items are asked to be donated for this. If you have questions, call Farrell at 870-246-8204.

HSU Summer Classes

Henderson State University summer classes will be June 24-28. For more info on this call Mike Uhl at 870-230-5036.

April Painting Workshop

This is a reminder that there will be an Oil Painting Workshop next month led by retired HSU art instructor Ed Martin. This is a fantastic opportunity to learn from a master and improve your oil painting skills!

DATE: April 27th, Saturday

TIME: 9:00 to 4:00

WHERE: Dawson Educational Cooperative
711 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia
Blue awning, building #6

COST: \$65. If you have already paid your 2013 CRAG dues of \$15, then the cost is only \$50.

The workshop will be at Dawson Education Cooperative conference room which is located in downtown Arkadelphia on Clinton Street. There are a group of buildings with blue awnings and the conference room where we will be is in building number 6. There's a large 6 at the door. The building will be unlocked by 8:00 am. Please arrive in time to get settled and ready by 9:00 am. There will be coffee :).

The morning session will be focused on information concerning brushes, mediums, support (canvas, board, etc), palette color placement, and color mixing to achieve various effects such as light, shadow and depth. There will be a 30-minute lunch break. We are encouraging participants to bring a sack lunch, although there are 2 sandwich shops close by.

Afternoon: Participants are asked to bring a piece or two of their own art that they need help with. Mr. Martin will work with each individual to improve these paintings and bring their art to the next level. You may also bring blank canvases to practice the principles learned during the morning session.

There is no specific supply list. Just bring what you use already.

Call or e-mail to let me know you would like me to pencil you in for this. I already have money from some of you and you are "inked" in. Others I have penciled in and need your checks to make it official :). If you have told me that you want to participate but have not sent your check, please do so soon. Make the check payable to Caddo River Art Guild and mail to me at the following address:

Rita Earles
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Arkadelphia, AR 71923

If you have any questions, please e-mail or call me at 870-245-3612 home, or 870-245-7982 cell.

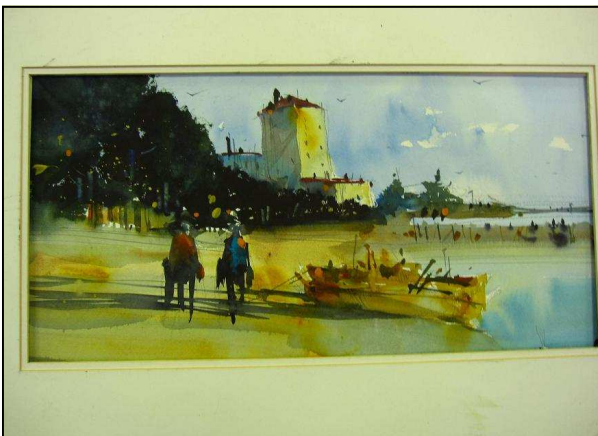
FOR SALE:

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

Photo Gallery of Recent Art Events



Above, Right: HSU students hanging the Regional V student art show at the Arkadelphia Arts Center.



Members of the Caddo River Art Guild recently participated in a watercolor workshop conducted by Richard Stephens, professional watercolorist of Hot Springs, Arkansas.

During the morning hours, Richard presented much needed information that could be applied to any art form with emphasis on watercolor medium. He spent one hour producing a beautiful watercolor seascape (left).

After lunch the students were then inspired to try their artistic skills in producing a painting of their own. It was indeed a good learning experience and a fun time.



Above: Nik Chamberlain really enjoyed the watercolor workshop.



Right: Wanda and Bette share some laughs at the February Art Day at the Arts Center.



Above: Caddo River Art Guild president Farrell Ford was recently awarded "Volunteer of the Year" by the Regional Economic Development Alliance and Area Chamber of Commerce for her work with the Guild, the Arkadelphia Arts and Humanities Council, and the Arkadelphia Arts Center. She is passionate about promoting the arts and artists in the area and bringing recognition to and growing the art community.