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Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

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Celebrate Creativity

President's Corner

I would like to quote from "Celebrate your Creative Self", a book by Mary Todd Beam concerning creativity.

"How exciting! Cezanne said that the artist paints the next moment in time. Could we ever imagine anything more exciting than becoming a partner in creation? What a thrill it is when we show the world the form and substance of an idea that has never before been seen. Only the artist can do this. The artist is developing a code that brings a whole new understanding and enlightenment to his thoughts, his emotions and his place in the universe. So you want to be

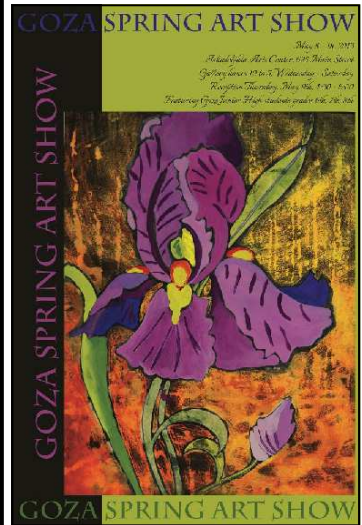
creative? Well, that's the first step. Now I must warn you, it won't be easy, but it will be challenging and rewarding."

I will add how rewarding it is to me, as an art teacher, to hear the student exclaim, "Wow! I didn't believe I could do this!"
KEEP CREATING!



Farrell Ford

What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center



May 8- 18: "**Goza Spring Art Show**"

Highlighting the works of Arkadelphia's Goza Junior High art students created during the school year.

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

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.

Art On Main by the Sunrise Rotary Club

The Arkadelphia Arts Center was the scene for this year's Art On Main, sponsored by the Sunrise Rotary Club. Proceeds from this art sale and silent auction go to the Imagination Library. Many members of CRAG participated in the May 3 event.

Art by John Tackett, Wanda Huneycutt, Sherry Kelly, and Martha Gills at the 2013 Art On Main.



April Program — Mosaic Madness



Above: Alice Franke shows one of her mosaic pieces.

Have you ever wanted to take a hammer to your artwork? A few CRAG members at the April meeting were allowed to do just that when visiting artist Alice Franke gave an entertaining and informative program on the various techniques used to make mosaics. Smashing up plates, cups and saucers with a hammer is just the start to putting them back together in colorful patterns to produce innovative works of art.

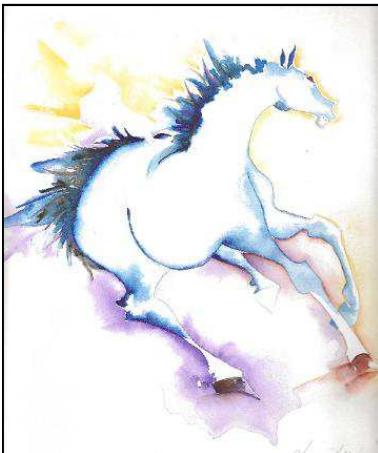
Alice is the fun and funky owner of Mosaic Madness Studio & Gallery, 2100 Albert Pike, Suite B, Hot Springs, AR, 501-321-1110, mosaicmadness@mail.com. She explained how she uses recycled stuff, including chipped dishes, flea market finds, jewelry, and anything that can be glued down, to smash into pieces and reconstruct onto MDF board into her crosses, mirrors and window frames. Alice demonstrated a variety of stained-glass tools and techniques, different glues, grouts, glazes, and sealants, and gave us hints on what works and what doesn't while working with ceramics, glass and other "found treasures".

During the business end of the April meeting, participants in the 2013 RAAST were reminded to get their new photos and bios to Phyllis and Rita so the brochures and guidebooks can be started. Visitors to the meeting included Bruce Mitchell, Megan McCauley, and Mary Jernigan. New member and new RAAST artist Sherry Kelley was introduced. Alice Franke donated a few of her artworks as door prizes.



Upper right: Johnny Whatley gets a swing of the hammer to break a plate. **Bottom right:** A display of mosaics brought by Alice Franke for her demonstration.

Malvern National Art Show Results



Malvern National Bank held its 26th annual Virginia P. Weaver Spring Art Show April 15 through April 19, concluding with a reception for the artists and the public. Caddo River Art Guild members who participated included Johnny Whatley, who took First Place in Still Life; Dan Leamons, Fourth Place in Portraits; and Nik Chamberlain, Second Place in the Animal category (photo left).

Congratulations to all the CRAG members who entered!



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.

May 23, June 13, and June 27 are the upcoming Art Days.

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.

May 16 CRAG Meeting on Box Car Art

Join us at the May meeting where new Guild member Russell Butler will present his program on Box Car Art.

Phyllis Hughes will share her Helpful Hints and Useful Things at the June 20 meeting.

Winter Theme

Members are reminded to keep the December 2013 Arts Center exhibit in mind when creating art this summer. The theme will be "Winter". Creations may be two dimensional or sculptural, realistic images, abstract or anything in-between. Art may be for sale with the artist receiving 70% and the Center 30%.

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.

Program Ideas?

Becky Harvey has volunteered to obtain meeting programs for 2013 or 2014. If anyone has suggestions, contact Becky at macedoniapbc@gmail.com. or

LEARN TO WEAVE!!!!

Schacht 15" tabletop 4-harness weaving loom for sale, 9 yd warp board, shuttles and accessories, books, magazines, some yarn, complete set in great condition, \$350. Contact Carol at aegyptos2@sbcglobal.net.

Oil Workshop a Success

The CRAG-sponsored Oil Painting Workshop held Saturday, April 27th, was packed with valuable information and instruction by retired Henderson State University art professor Ed Martin. Mr. Martin discussed and showed examples of canvas and boards that are used in painting. He discussed various brushes, mediums, and pigments, and told how these have been applied throughout history.

Moving on to the color wheel, Ed painted the range of colors that make up the wheel, mixing the pigments to create the secondary and complimentary colors. He also explained his procedure when handling a commissioned painting, and demonstrated his technique when painting a still life.

After lunch, the group listened as Mr. Martin went around to each artist and critiqued their work, offering suggestions to improve the paintings. The last two hours were spent painting with the help of Mr. Martin's guidance.

Participants were heard saying "My head is so full of information!" and "When can we do this again?"



The Month in Pictures



Photos above: Retired HSU art instructor Ed Martin helps participants with their classwork at the Oil Painting Workshop.

Top right: Some of the tools used at the April CRAG program by Alice Franke.

Center right: Artworks created by the Goza Junior High art students on exhibit at the Arts Center in April.

Photos below: Artists and locals mingle at the Sunrise Rotary Club's Art On Main held May 3.

