

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
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Community Pulls Together for Mural



Farrell Ford

President's Corner

The art community in Arkadelphia is alive and working. Eight arts organizations under the umbrella of Clark County

Arkansas to receive this award. Lead muralist Dave Loewenstein, assistant Ashley Laird, and apprentice Jordan Karpe are the artists contracted for the work. After several community meetings and much input from groups in the community, a design team was formed. Working with the artists, the design team developed a final draft of the mural that was approved. The mural was drawn on the chosen wall at Honeycomb Restaurant exterior wall and painting started. The artists are hard at work with persons dropping by each day to enjoy painting on the mural. The three-month mural project is scheduled for completion in mid-October.

Arts and Humanities Council, are each gaining new members giving support to their artistic activities and events. The Caddo River Art Guild is at its busiest time gearing up for the 6th annual Round About Artist Studio Tour the third weekend in October.

The Guild along with the Arts and Humanities Council are sponsoring a mural project in downtown Arkadelphia funded by a grant from Mid-America Arts Alliance. Arkadelphia was very fortunate to have been chosen as the one city in

The mural project is supported in part by an award from Mid-America Arts Alliance, the National Endowment for the Arts (Grantee's state arts agency), and foundations, corporations and individuals throughout Arkansas, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Texas.



What's On Exhibit at the Arts Center

Works by the professors of art at HSU and OBU will be on display at the Arkadelphia Arts Center through Oct. 13. It is called "HSU-OBU Art Faculty Exhibit".

New pieces from local artists on the 6th Annual Round About Artist Studio Tour are showcased through Saturday October 13 in the "Tour Preview Show".

October 24 through November 24 brings the arrival of the HSU Student Salon Exhibit. Henderson State University Art Education, BFA Studio, and BFA Digital Art and Design students are participating in this exhibit.

To round out the year, the Arts Center will present "Trees and Treasures" from November 28 until December 29. Christmas trees will be decorated by each of the Clark County Arts & Humanities arts groups, plus a display of holiday textiles will include vintage tablecloths and linens.

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

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM — SHOW-N-TELL

With an attendance of 30 members, the Show-N-Tell program for the September Caddo River Art Guild was a treat! Almost everyone brought a new project to share and inspire us.

Art pieces shown included jewelry made from dominoes and zippers, bookmarks and pen-and-ink note cards, fabric leaves, a worsted scarf with an antler brooch, and a beautiful Tamari ball.

The variety of paintings in oils, colored pencils, acrylics and watercolors showcased trees, animals, and outdoor scenes. New and vintage frames brought new life to Christmas cards and old paintings. One neat vintage find that was shared was an old vampire kit.

The September door prize was won by Deloris Lynders. It was an instruction book on painting flowers.



Becky Harvey captured the memories of her two sons as wedding-party participants.



Evelyn Good displays her still life with peaches.

This old “vampire kit” brought by Deloris Lynders made quite a stir at the September Show-N-Tell.

Below: Johnny Whatley exhibited his butterfly painting.



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 the website now.

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 projects for the year is our Round About Artist Studio Tour. We have added another major Art Project, our Photography Contest, held each April.

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.

RAAST: If you are not a participating artist, please VOLUNTEER to help during the tour, October 19, 20, 21.

"Woman of Faith" is a whimsical portrait shown by John Tackett.

October Meeting is One Week Early

The October CRAG meeting will be held one week early on October 11, the second Thursday of the month, because of the upcoming Round About Artist Studio Tour. After a short business meeting, our program will be a discussion of final plans for the annual Studio Tour which is held October 19 through October 21. Guide books and registration sheets will be available along with the tour signs for each artist.

There is no November CRAG meeting due to the holidays.

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 you have 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.



October Events, It's a Busy Month!

Sunday, October 7, there will be a reception and dedication of the new Arkadelphia mural at the mural site, 705 Main Street (Honeycomb Restaurant exterior wall) from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. The community is invited to visit with lead artist Dave Loewenstein, assistant Ashley Laird, and apprentice Jordan Karpe. Live music will be provided by Cedar Grove Bluegrass Band, lead by CRAG member George Baker.

On Tuesday, October 9, Main Street in Arkadelphia will be blocked off for a ribbon cutting celebrating the revitalization of downtown. This is from 4:00 - 6:00 pm.

A post studio-tour dinner invitation is extended to all guild members for Friday, October 26, at the Fish Net restaurant on Highway 7 north of Caddo Valley at 6:00 p.m. A video of the art tour and an evaluation report will be presented. Dinner will be dutch treat.

2013 Guild 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 next meeting.

Fall Brings County & State Fairs

The guild would like to thank Mike Uhl and all the volunteers who manned the Clark County Fair art-guild booth.

Did you have any entries in the Fine Arts division at the county fair? Do you participate in the Arkansas State Fair? The *Caddo River Chatter* would love to give our members a write-up in our future newsletters. Show us your ribbons! Email Carol at oklatwister@hotmail.com with your story and photos.

Town Hall Coffee Kicks Off Studio Tour



CRAG members made an impressive showing at the September 2012 Town Hall Coffee.

The Caddo River Art Guild sponsored the September 26 Town Hall Coffee in downtown Arkadelphia as a kick-off to the upcoming Studio Tour.

On display were a variety of artworks by the 27 participating artists of this year's 6th Annual Round About Artist Studio Tour, which will be held October 19, 20, and 21.

Refreshments for the monthly Town Hall Coffee were supplied by members of the guild.

Below: Peg Duncan is making up her mind which delicious appetizer to choose.

Brenda Manning, left, and Phyllis Hughes examine some of the artworks on display.

