

## 2011 Photo Contest Judge

**Dr. Gary Simmons**  
**Professor of Art**  
**Henderson State University**

We are honored that judging will be by renowned Hot Springs artist, Gary Simmons. We feel fortunate to have his diverse expertise in judging this event.

Gary Simmons' reputation is founded upon his virtuosity with pen and ink, a medium he taught for Rapidograph Pens in their national workshop program. He has written *The Technical Pen: Techniques for Artists*, and produced an educational video, *A Pen-and-Ink Demonstration by Gary Simmons*.

Gary's best known for his draftsmanship and his highly accomplished pen-and-ink drawings of a wide variety of subject matter. He has executed a wide variety of large portrait montages, western subjects, equine scenes, nudes, landscapes, animals, and mythology, including several series based on Leda and the Swan.

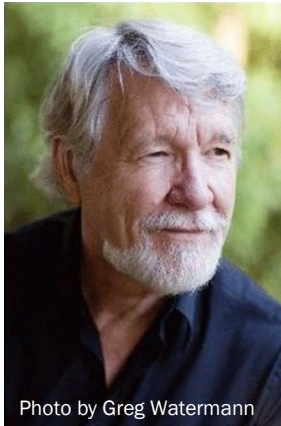


Photo by Greg Watermann

In addition to the pen-and-ink medium, Gary has worked in terra cotta sculpture, pastel, lithography, oil paint and watercolor. He has recently begun concentrating specifically on the combination of watercolor and ink as well as oil painting.

Gary's work has hung in the Arkansas Governor's office, the Clinton Whitehouse, and in the homes of celebrities such as English authoress Mary Stewart, thoroughbred racing's Hall-of-Fame trainer Jack Van Berg, and Hollywood producers Harry Thomason and Linda Bloodworth.

The eclectic approach to Gary's art grows out of his equally eclectic background. His Bachelor and Master of

Arts degrees are in English and American literature. His doctorate is in Instructional Systems Technology and photography. His jobs have included science illustration, teaching, photography graphic design and systems analysis. He ran his own design studio for 10 years, co-owned the design studio Stephens and Simmons, Inc. for five years, taught pen-and-ink workshops nationally for three years, and has taught art for Henderson State University since 1991. He has been awarded the Arkansas Arts Council Governor's Award for Individual Artist and was honored by the Arkansas Advertising Federation's 2004 Distinguished Educator Award.

In general, Gary's interests, and therefore, his art, are all over the map. He is infatuated with the organic nature of life and its results, especially those reflected in the human psyche and amble through natural history and time.

Gary's studio is in Hot Springs where he lives with June, his wife, and the mother of their two daughters, Jamie and Rebecca.

**Gary's Website**  
**www.simmonsart.com**

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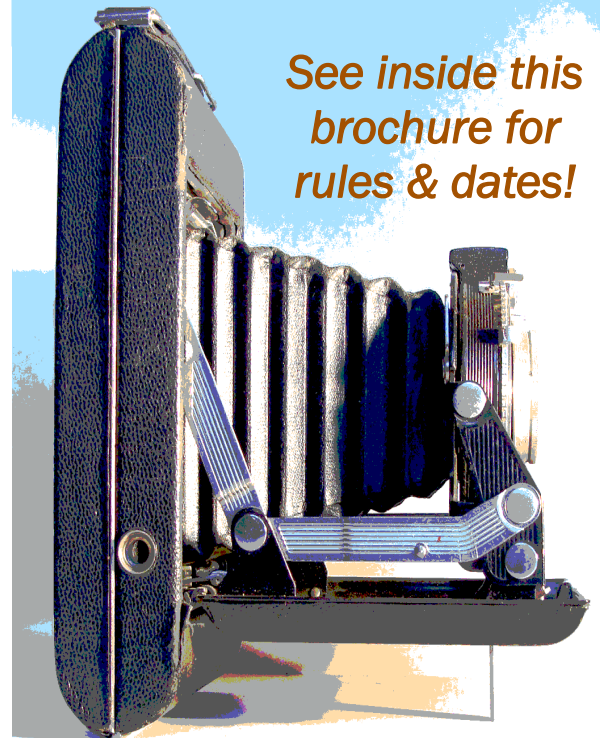
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Without their support of the arts, the Photo Contest would  
not be possible.  
**THANK YOU!**

The Caddo River Art Guild Presents:  
**The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual  
Photo Contest**



See inside this  
brochure for  
rules & dates!

### **Reception & Award Presentation:**

**Saturday - April 30th - 1PM to 4PM**

Dawson Ed. Co-Op Conference Center  
711 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia, AR

### **Winning Entries Exhibit:**

**May 2nd through May 27th**

Diamond Lakes Regional Visitor Center  
126 Valley Street, Caddo Valley, AR

## The Annual Photo Contest is an event of the Caddo River Art Guild.

The Caddo River Art Guild (CRAG) was founded by five local artists who painted together for many years and saw a pressing need to promote the art and artists in the area. With that goal in mind, these artists formed a steering committee in 2006 to organize their first Round About Artist Studio Tour (RAAST) in the fall of 2007. This was the genesis of the Caddo River Art Guild which was officially incorporated and received non-profit 501© (3) status in 2007. This status allows the guild to seek and receive funds and grants from several sources which are used to provide advertising for the studio tour bringing in almost 700 visitors from 30 Arkansas cities and 11 states as well as from a few foreign countries!

In the fall of 2009, several CRAG members presented the idea of adding a second annual event to complement the larger Round About Artist Studio Tour. The Photo Contest was suggested and planning started immediately. The 2010 Photo Contest received sponsorship funds from nine regional businesses covering three Arkansas counties. The contest was judged by UALR photography instructor, Carey Roberson. The contest had 2 divisions, Adult and Youth. There were multiple categories in each division. Entries totaling 125, were received from local and surrounding area photographers, university photography students as well as public school students. Several entries came from as far away as Mena and Little Rock. The 2010 Photo Contest award ceremony and show was well attended. \$1,450 in prize money was awarded.

The 2011 Photo Contest has been modeled on the well proven framework that was developed by Hank and Shawn Armstrong. The 2011 Co-chairs, John and Deborah Tackett have added a Winning Entries Exhibit that will be held at the new Diamond Lakes Regional Visitor Center in Caddo Valley, Arkansas.

The Caddo River Art Guild strives to promote the arts in Arkansas through it's monthly meetings/programs as well as it's two annual events, the Round About Artist Studio Tour and the Photo Contest. While each event is aimed at a different target audience, both events are designed to draw the community together and to create awareness of the arts in Arkansas.

Thank you for your support of the arts in Arkansas. The Caddo River Art Guild is a member of:

The Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce  
[www.arkadelphia.org](http://www.arkadelphia.org)



Arkansas Artist Studio Tours  
[www.ArkansasArtistStudioTours.com](http://www.ArkansasArtistStudioTours.com)

**Arkansas Artist  
Studio Tours**

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[www.arkansasarts.org](http://www.arkansasarts.org)



## How to enter your work in the contest - contest rules, dates, and other data.

**1** All hand delivered and mailed entries must be received between **Monday, April 18th** and **Friday, April 22nd**, between the hours of **9AM** and **5PM**, at either of the these two Arkadelphia businesses:

**J & S Framing, 513 Main Street, Arkadelphia, AR 71923**  
**Phone (870) 246-5800**

**Shelter Insurance, 2749 Pine Street, Suite A, Arkadelphia, AR 71923**  
**Phone (870) 246-8001**

**2** Entries by mail will be accepted but will not be returned by mail to owners. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later than April 20th.

**3** A reception will take place **Saturday, April 30th from 1PM to 4PM** with the **award ceremony** beginning at 3PM at the:

**Dawson Ed. Co-Op Conference Center, 711 Clinton Street, Arkadelphia, AR.**

**4** Entries are to be picked up between **4PM and 5PM Saturday, April 30th** immediately following the reception & award presentation with the following exception: Award winner's photography (with permission of any applicable buyers) will be delivered by a Caddo River Art Guild member to be on display at the **Diamond Lakes Regional Visitor Center from Monday, May 2nd through Friday, May 27th** at 127 Valley Street, Caddo Valley, Arkansas. Award winners are responsible for picking up their own art from this location no later than **5PM on Friday, May 27th**.

**5** Work may be in any photographic style - realistic, contemporary, or abstract. All photographic media is acceptable. Entries must be original and the photographer's own work. Entries will be disqualified and prize forfeited if they are shown to be copies.

**6** All photographs must be mounted on foam core or 4-ply mounting board. Minimum size for entry is 5x7 inches mounted and matted to 8x10 inches. Maximum size is 11x17 inches mounted and matted to 16x20 inches. Shrink-wrap covers, glass or other covers, frames, metal hooks, and metal clips may NOT be used.

**7** In addition to the information on the entry form, all work must be labeled on the back with the following:

**Title, Artist's Name**  
**Phone Number, email Address,**  
**Entry Category (Write "Youth" if under age 18),**  
**Price (if not for sale, denote "NFS")**

**8** Members and non-members may enter a maximum of three entries. Any category with less than five entries by different photographers will not be judged and the entry fee will be refunded.

**9** The **Caddo River Art Guild** reserves the right to reject any entry, including those that fail to follow the contest rules or any entry whose subject matter may be deemed by contest officials to be unsuitable for exhibition in a family environment.

## Contest rules continued

**10** There will be two Divisions: **Youth** and **Adult**. The Youth Division (ages 12 -17) will not be divided into categories. The Adult Categories are as follows:

- A. Landscape/Architecture**
- B. Animal/Wildlife**
- C. Still Life/Floral**
- D. People/Portraits**

**11** Any work that has been previously shown in any Caddo River Art Guild judged show **may not** be entered again. All work must remain on display at the Dawson Ed. Co-Op Conference Center until the specified pick up times.

**12** Entry Fees:

- A. Adult Caddo River Art Guild (CRAG) members \$7.00 per entry for a maximum of 3 entries.**
- B. Adult Non-Members \$10.00 per entry for a maximum of 3 entries.**
- C. Youth (12-17) \$7.00 per entry for a maximum of 3 entries.**

**13** The artist will be paid 80% of the price on any item sold. Pricing should take this into consideration. Checks to the artists will be mailed within two weeks following the sale date.

**14** Prizes for each category in the **Adult Division** are:

- First Place \$100.00**
- Second Place \$ 75.00**
- Third Place \$ 50.00**

**15** Prizes for the **Youth Division** (ages 12 - 17) are:

- First Place \$100.00**
- Second Place \$ 75.00**
- Third Place \$ 50.00**

**(Note: The Youth Division is not divided into entry categories.)**

**16** One prize for **"Best of Show"**, and one prize for the youth category **"Rising Star"**, will be awarded by the judge's selection, regardless of division or category.

- Best of Show \$250.00**
- Rising Star \$200.00**

A Contest Entry Form can be found at:  
[www.caddoriverartguild.com](http://www.caddoriverartguild.com) Click on Photo Contest

## 2011 Caddo River Art Guild Photo Contest Committee

**John Tackett** - Co-Chair  
**Deborah Tackett** - Co-Chair  
**Hank Armstrong** - Past Year Co-Chair, 2010 Print Media Coordinator, Contest Co-Founder.  
**Shawn Armstrong** - Past Year Co-Chair, Sponsor Development Officer, Contest Co-Founder.  
**Phyllis Hughes** - CRAG Treasurer, Contest Budget Officer  
**George Finkle** - Print Media Coordinator

For more information - go to:  
[www.caddoriverartguild.com](http://www.caddoriverartguild.com)

# 2nd Annual Caddo River Art Guild Photo Contest

Photography Show Entry Form—Please complete this form and submit it with your work

## Photographer Information (PLEASE PRINT):

First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number \_\_\_\_\_ or Cell Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle YES or NO - Are you a member of the Caddo River Art Guild?

Title of Work	Price*	Category (Adult Only)	Entry Number (For Guild Use)

\* If your work is for sale, please list sale price. If not, write "NFS". The Caddo River Art Guild will retain 20% of the sale price. The artist will receive 80%.

Please remember to include your entry fee with this form. See the brochure for fee information, or go to [www.caddoriverartguild.com](http://www.caddoriverartguild.com) (click on Photo Contest) for more information.

All reasonable care will be taken to protect exhibits. The Caddo River Art Guild and the Diamond Lakes Regional Visitor Center are not responsible for loss or damage. Artists are encouraged to carry their own insurance. The Caddo River Art Guild, it's Board, volunteers, or anyone connected with the exhibition will not be responsible for loss or damage. Signing this entry gives permission for award winner's photography to be displayed at the Diamond Lakes Regional Visitor Center (May 2<sup>nd</sup> through May 27<sup>th</sup>). Your entry into this exhibition constitutes agreement with these terms and conditions.

Signature of Photographer \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you would like to be added to the mailing list (via email only) for the next Caddo River Art Guild Photo Contest.