

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild

Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas

CRAG Members Getting Ready For The Round About Artist Studio Tour

President's Corner

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The Art in Everyone

One is not born being an artist. There are very few child prodigies. Great mathematicians, great musicians, great scientists are created through years of study. Each person has the capabilities of becoming an artist. Art is a learned process. The key ingredient is the desire to learn. Every day I have someone tell me they always wanted to try painting or drawing. I ask them how serious are they and how much effort do they want to put into learning. Some have the time and strong desire to learn to listen, to read, to experiment, and learn how to use the tools involved to an artistic rendering. The most basic thing I have had to teach an art student is how to read

a ruler. The most rewarding experience I have in teaching to paint is when the student looks and looks and then has the moment when they really see. They may never be great artists but they will always visually perceive the world in a different way as they are deriving enjoyment in the creative process.

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



Farrell Ford

CRAG Joins Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce

During the July CRAG meeting, Rita Earles presented reasons for our Art Guild to become members of the Arkadelphia Chamber of Commerce. She mentioned being a part of the community, using their website to promote our guild, and advertising our events to name a few.

After much discussion a vote was unanimously passed and our fee per year as a non-profit organization will be \$125.00. Phyllis Hughes has paid the check to the Chamber.

We will receive emails for their events and notices of importance and interest from them.



Louis Blake

The Caddo River Art Guild has lost a valued member. Louis Blake passed away last week of heart failure. He was a "whittler" and loved to carve canes and other objects. He had planned on being a part of our RAAST this season and his loss will be felt by all of our members. We send our sympathy to members of his family. We shall miss him.

July Demo The Art of Collage Jerry Burrow Instructor



Jerry Burrow demonstrated the Art of Collage at the CRAG July 15th meeting. He brought many samples of his work and instructions on how to use his collage technique.

Jerry grew up in Arkadelphia, graduated from HSU and taught Jr. college in N. Little Rock. He worked in Interior Design in Little Rock for 25 years and owned J L Burrow Interiors. In 2004, Jerry returned to Arkadelphia and is now teaching K-12 students in Delight, AR. He also serves as Dean of Students for the public schools of Delight.

Jerry uses photos, magazine pictures, bits of jewelry and whatever catches his fancy in his collages.



Gretchen Hendricks won the

Door prize which was one of Jerry's beautiful collages.



Round About Artist Studio Tour

At last count we have 23 CRAG members enrolled in the Tour. Hopefully, all are working hard to stock up on sale items to sell and display. We hope we have another great year for our endeavor.

Our brochures are ready and waiting to be sent out to various destinations and the Tour booklets are nearly ready to print. George Finkle has taken over this task and we are eager to see what he has in store for us. We know it will be professional and fresh. Our thanks to Rita Earles for all she does and has done on this project.

The Diamond Lakes Visitor Center is set to be open and running by the time of the Tour and we will register our Tour visitors there. Let Farrell Ford know if you are willing to work there for a few hours during the 2 1/2 day tour.

Call her at 870-246-8204.

Ask for brochures to send out to friends who might want to plan their vacation in our area at the time of the Tour.

We want to remind everyone that this is a Studio Tour, a chance to see the artists at work in their own environment. There are a few of us who do not have an area suitable to have visitors come and they will be in the Arkadelphia Rec Center and the Train Depot.

Mena Art Guild Photography Contest

The Mena Art Guild recently held their annual Photography Contest and members of CRAG entered some of their photos. Here are the results of prizes won by our members:

R.L Norris memorial Award:

Deborah Tackett \$100.00

Landscapes: 1st and 3rd place—

Matt Blaisdell \$200.00 and \$50.00

Still Life/Florals

Honorable Mention:

Sandra Kersey \$25.00

The Show was judged by Glenn Wheeler of Harrison, AR.

Other Arkadelphians who entered and won prizes were:

Animals: 1st and 3rd place

Byran Jarboe \$200.00 and \$50.00.

Congratulations to our winners!

Announcements

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

Contact Louise Buckelew if you are willing or know someone who would like to demonstrate their art or craft to CRAG. We pay \$35.00 a demo for those living in the Arkadelphia area and \$50.00 for those outside our area. Call her at 246-4262. Know anyone who does Living Art? (Tattoo's), air brushing, basket weaving, etc.

The director of the Arkadelphia Area Chamber of Commerce, Connie Nelson, is looking for photographers who would be willing to photograph local events. Occasionally an individual or group will contact her requesting a name of a photographer that could take photographs during an event. These groups are willing to pay, but don't need the high quality and cost of the top professionals in the area.

Instructors

Are you willing to teach a class? Let Rita Earles know by calling her at 245-3612.

Demo for August 19th

Rita Earles demonstrates Photographing your art-

Please contact Connie Nelson at 870-246-5542 if you are interested.

RAAST Artists Artwork from the RAAST Website



Sandra Kersey



Rita Earles



K Buckelew

CRAG 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, 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.



Stephanie Smith

Jerry Burrow