

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild

Arkadelphia, Clark County, Arkansas

2011

Reving up for the New Year!

President's Corner



Happy new year to everyone. The start of 2011 brings continued work with ongoing projects and excitement concerning several new plans already in progress. Our local area has numerous art organizations, our Caddo River Art Guild being one of the more active ones. Several art organizations are in need of help with revitalization with new plans, marketing ideas and more members. Persons from the Caddo River Art Guild, Henderson State University and Ouachita Baptist University are in the process of reactivating the Clark County Arts and Humanities Council. This Council has not functioned since 2003. With the CCAHC again active, it can serve as an umbrella and aid in the collaboration of all the arts including visual art, dance, film, historical, literature, music and theater. A business plan and grant work is now in process to accomplish this.

Farrell Ford, Pres. CRAG

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Some members of the CCAHC Board of Directors at work

January 20, 2011

CRAG Meeting Agenda

- ◆ Call to order
- ◆ 2. Minutes
- ◆ 3. Treasurer's report
- ◆ 4. Old business
 - ◆ a. RAAST compilation
- ◆ 5. New business
 - ◆ a. Hot Springs exhibit
 - ◆ b. Photograph exhibit/contest update
 - ◆ c. Workshops/programs
 - ◆ d. Art Off Main, April 15
 - ◆ e. Board vacancy/nominating committee
 - ◆ f. Clark County Arts and Humanities Council
 - ◆ g. Other
- ◆ 6. Program: Presenter, Louise Buckelew, "Techniques of the Old Masters"

2010 AT (After Tour)

December Demo

Our December CRAG meeting was held at Mary & Martha's Florist Shop. After a brief business meeting the members were treated to a lesson in Wreath Making. David Goodman, of Mary & Martha's created several beautiful wreaths for the members pleasure and one was given as a door prize and several other members purchased David's extra wreaths. We

want to thank David for allowing us to meet at the Florist shop and showing us some basics in wreath making.



2nd Annual Photography Contest

Nominating Committee looks for new Board Member

Louise Buckelew will be leaving her position on the CRAG Board. She is one of the "founding" members of CRAG and has been a long time painting buddy of the "founders". We hope to see her at all of our meetings and count on her for her knowledge of art and her voice of reason.

Thank you, Louise for your service. We love you.

Our members will be asked if they will take a position of responsibility on our Board. The nominating committee will be looking for you.



Members of the Photography Contest committee will be asking CRAG to formally make the Photo Contest a CRAG sponsored annual event.

There will be a site on the CRAG webpage with all the information and photos of the Contest so you can keep track of all the new projects in store.

This year the Committee is headed by Deborah and John Tackett, with advice from former committee chairpersons, Shawn and Hank Armstrong. George Finkle and Phyllis Hughes will serve on the committee also.

The rules for entering the contest and entry forms are on the CRAG website under the Photo Contest link. For more information come to the CRAG meeting Jan. 20th at the Rec. Center at 6:30 pm. This contest is open to everyone anywhere. Cash prizes are sizeable and pictures in the Democrat Gazette for winners.

Websites: RAAST & CRAG

We have been tracking visitors to our websites for several years and it is clear that the RAAST site gets many more "hits" than the CRAG site. During the year we will be working on combining the two sites. You will be able to get to the main site with either web addresses we are using now but the main page will be a little different.

The Photography Contest will be included on this new site also and can be seen all year long just as the CRAG and RAAST info is now.

Our webmaster, Mary Jernigan aka Elle James, will be working on re-vamping all the sites so don't expect a final project just yet. Please go to the CRAG site and see the first effort at combining all of the info.

If you have suggestions please let us know. Call Phyllis Hughes, 870-246-7788.



These are examples of some of the winners of the 2010 Photo Contest. This year you could be a winner of the CRAG Photography Contest.

Go to : caddoriverartguild.com for entry forms and rules and regulations. Look on the Photo Contest Link.

This year's judge will be Arkansas artist, Gary Simmons. Look on the Photo Contest Link for a bio on Gary.

Announcements

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

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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.



Sandra Kersey has been showing her beautiful photographs at the Town Hall in Arkadelphia, AR. Be sure and go by and see her work.

CRAG member, Rita Earles received an Award of Honorable Mention in Oil at the 36th Annual International Miniature Art Society Exhibition for her miniature "Carnival". This show features over 300 juried works of art by the finest painters and sculptors working worldwide in miniature today. Over 800 entries were received from all over the world. The show runs from Jan.9th through 30th at the Dunedin Fine Art Center in Dunedin, Florida.



Time for CRAG yearly dues to be paid

Caddo River Art Guild's fees are \$15.00 per member per year. They are due by February 17. This entitles you to lower prices on workshops given during the year and you are helping to further the goals of our organization in bringing art and business to the community .

When we decided to start an Art Guild we hoped to be doing our part to help the community promote Arkadelphia and Clark County. Our Tours bring visitors to our city and surrounding areas and the visitors spend their time and money here.

We continue to grow every year with more projects and workshops. Come be a part of our organization.

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.

RAAST sign up time

Work is already beginning on the Round About Tour for 2011. If you are thinking of being on the tour, the fee is \$75.00 ea, this includes your CRAG dues. There are special fees for those who share a studio year round.

The brochures for the Tour must be made up as quickly as possible so get your new photos of your work, along with your new personal photos to Phyllis Hughes, 246-7788 and it will be first come first used on the brochures. That is how we choose what to put on the brochure.

All of this information is put up on our RAAST website. If you have a website of your own and would like to link to ours, please give that address on your entry forms.

We will have entry forms at our meetings but if you miss out, go to the RAAST site and you can download the forms.

We are looking for another successful Tour year. Be a part of it and start piling up your work for sale.



Jerry Burrow at plein air workshop



K Buckelew painting

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