



## President's Corner

Farrell Ford



The Caddo River Art Guild was established in 2006 with its mission to promote local visual art and artists. With this in mind the Round About Artist Studio Tour was

organized with the first tour in October, 2007. This year marked the 5th annual artist tour. Again, this tour has been counted as a success with 23 artists on the tour

showing and demonstrating their art and their skills. Tourists numbered approximately

500, with persons coming from 31 Arkansas cities and 11 states.

This was made possible by the artists on the tour, the members of our art guild and lovers of the arts who attended the tour.

## Upcoming workshop

Our first workshop of 2012 will be on basketry. Participants will learn to use reed to form small heart shaped hanging baskets. There are some examples hanging on the CRAG Christmas tree at the Arkadelphia Arts Center. These are perfect for placing special mementos or candies in for gifts or decorations and this technique may be used to make larger baskets also.

**What: *Introduction to Basketry***

**When: January 14, 2012**

**Saturday morning**

**Time: 9:30 to 11:30**

**Cost: \$15 All supplies are furnished**

The Arkadelphia Arts Center was the site of an event in early November where Peake 5th grade students' ceramic disks were strung into a mobile by visiting artist Hamid Ebrahimafar and HSU art students under the direction of HSU art instructor David Warren. The completed piece is hanging in the adjoining window. It was a fun event with art stations at various locations in the Center for the children to enjoy while the mobile was being constructed. There were MANY disks produced by the 5th graders so 2 additional rods have been supplied to the center for the remaining disks. HSU students have been helping when their schedules allowed, but the 2 remaining mobiles are still not complete.

The Clark County Arts & Humanities Council invites you and your friends to come to the workroom at the Center and help complete this project. All materials are supplied and examples are hanging on part of the rods. Drop by anytime during open hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 10 to 5 this week. The center will be closed during the week of Christmas and New Year's, and will reopen Thursday, January 5th. So this week, or wait until the week of the 5th.

Hope you can help "tie one on"!!

## Announcements, etc.

Upcoming programs are as follows:

- January - Creating easy/crazy quilts , Phyllis Hughes
- February - "Fiber Fun, Fiddlin' With Textures", Evelyn Good
- March - "Show and Tell", all CRAG members

This holiday season the Arkadelphia Arts Center's exhibit is "Trees and Quilts". Ten festive Christmas trees are decorated by each of the arts organizations in Clark County; Arkadelphia Little Theatre, Caddo River Art Guild, Arkadelphia Philharmonic Club, Clark County Historical Association, Arkadelphia Poets and Writers Guild, Arkadelphia Public School Arts, Gurdon Public School Arts, Amity (Centerpoint) Public School Arts, Henderson State University Arts, and Ouachita Baptist University Arts. Each tree is unique and is decorated using the theme of the group.

In addition to the trees there are many beautiful hand-stitched quilts lining the walls of the Center dating from as far back as the 1930's. Several of these vintage quilts have a Christmas theme and all are labeled with their pattern. The combination of trees and quilts make for a very colorful and interesting exhibit.

"Trees and Quilts" will be showing through January 20, 2012. Arkadelphia Arts Center hours are Thursday, Friday, Saturday, from 10 to 5. For more information about the Arkadelphia Arts Center, contact Denise Parkinson, executive director, at 501-802-1003.

### NEWS:

Farrell reported the RAAST attendance was about 473 from 31 Arkansas cities and 11 states. There were 5 evaluations online.

All 2012 CRAG meetings will be held at the Arkadelphia Arts Center.

The annual CRAG photography contest is scheduled for April 27-28, 2012. Phyllis Hughes and committee members, Hank & Shawn Armstrong, and Evelyn Good, are organizing this. More info will be forthcoming.

President Ford stated Mike Uhl will be putting online a monthly CRAG/RAAST newsletter beginning in January. Members were urged to send him any info concerning art supply items for sale, competitions they may have entered, etc. Contact Mike at

[odieuhl@yahoo.com](mailto:odieuhl@yahoo.com), or phone 903-815-2928.

Farrell reminded everyone that CRAG membership dues of \$15 are due by March, 2012 or earlier. Fees for those to be on the RAAST are due by April. More details later.

The December program was a demonstration on making Christmas wreaths by

Cathy Hathcoat.

The door prize, Cathy's Christmas wreath, was won by James Langley.

