

Caddo River Chatter

Newsletter

Caddo River Art Guild
Arkadelphia, AR and surrounding areas

Spring Photography Contest a Big Success

President's Corner



Farrell Ford
Caddo River Art Guild.

The Caddo River Art Guild recently sponsored its first photography show. Two divisions, youth and adult, included four categories: landscapes, animals, still life/floral, and people or portraits. The event was under the leadership of guild members, Hank and Shawn Armstrong. They and their committee planned, organized and presented a highly successful show. Arkadelphia and the surrounding area was well represented by a large number of photography entries and by art patrons attending the show and the reception. Seventeen money prizes were won by thirteen entrants. The Guild plans to make this an annual event. This is just one way our organization recognizes and promotes the visual arts and visual artists.

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



George Finkle award winning photo in Spring Photo Contest.

Clay piece by Aaron Calvert



April 15, 2010 Pottery Demo

Aaron Calvert, one of our new members, shared his talent with us at the Henderson State University Art Annex. We had a good turn out for the demo and it was interesting to see how easily Aaron changed lumps of clay on his turn table into beautiful bowls. Aaron explained how he designed his well known "Ant" design that he uses on many of his pieces. When he came to Arkansas he managed to get into fire ant nests several times and in firing his pieces he feels he gets even with them just a bit

for all the bites he received. He showed bowls, cups, teapots, large platters and deco art pieces. Aaron teaches pottery at the Annex and urged our members to take a class and enjoy learning to "throw" clay.

Aaron Calvert



2010 Spring Photography Contest

Photo Workshop

Hank and Shawn Armstrong, owners of J & S Framing, hosted a Photo Workshop taught by Carey Roberson March 6th. There were 22 people in attendance for the class. A small fee of \$5.00 each was charged and the Armstrong's donated the fee for Carey Roberson's services.

The Dawson Educational Co-op donated the class space and no charge was made to CRAG for the class.

Be sure to thank Hank and Shawn for their generosity and helping our Art Guild grow.



The Spring Photography Contest, May 1, 2010 was sponsored by the Caddo River Art Guild. The event, held at Dawson Educational Co-op in downtown Arkadelphia, had 126 entries from students and adult in Clark County and the surrounding area. "The quality of the photography was exceptional," said Hank Armstrong, organizer for the event.

With the help of generous sponsors the Guild awarded \$1375 in prize money in 7 categories. The categories were Best in Show, Rising Star (youth), Youth Division, Floral/Still Life, People/Portraits, Animal/Wildlife, and Landscapes. Carey Roberson, a professional photographer and professor of art at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock was the judge. "I was impressed with the quantity of quality," said Roberson.

The guild plans on making the photography contest an annual event and encourages everyone to enter next year. The mission of the guild is to promote art and artists in this area and to generate appreciation and continued interest in all mediums of artwork.

The photography committee, chaired by Hank and his wife Shawn, owners of J & S Framing, organized the contest and a

separate Photography Workshop, held in March of this year. "For the contest we included a separate category for Youth to encourage them to become active in the arts and were very pleased with the number of youth entries," stated Shawn Armstrong.



Rhonda Berry



Plein Air Class Oil Painting Class

There still may be time to sign up for the Plein Air Class held at Farrell Fords lovely home May 15. The outdoor class will be taught by Hugh Dunnahoe an artist from Hot Springs.

The fees are \$40.00 for members and \$55.00 for non members (but that gets you membership to CRAG)

Lunch is included free. Plenty of bathrooms. Call Rita at 870-245-3612 or Farrell at 870-246-8204 for information on what to bring in the way of supplies.

We will start about 8:40 a.m. to get set up and ready for a lecture and

explanations of how the instructor likes to paint.

If the weather turns bad we will move the painting date to June 12.

Rita has a complete supply list of all you will need. Limited space available.



Announcements, etc.

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

Caddoriverartguild.com

We have a new member, Stephanie Smith who owns the Smithsonian Art Center on Main St., Arkadelphia, AR. She is offering a Summer Art Camp:

Please check her website for times and places:
www.smithsonian@att.net

We are always glad to welcome new members.

Our member Chris Andrus is going through some serious illness right

now. Please think of him and send prayers for his recovery.

We are sorry to announce that our member Barbara Boswell has closed her Artist Spirit Gallery on Main St. Arkadelphia, AR. Our best wishes go to Barbara in her future endeavors.

Happy Days!!

We all will be happy to know that our Spring Photography

Contest came out even financially. For a 1st endeavor that is a big plus. Congratulations to

Hank and Shawn Armstrong and their committee for such a great job.



Join the Fun!

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, paper tole 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.



Door prizes provided by members of the Caddo River Art Guild

