

**The River Gallery**  
**Newsletter**  
**February 2013**

**Mission Statement**

“It is our mission to be a dynamic visual arts center for community and public, to be a group of artists, expressing and experiencing an awareness of art expression in all media, to be an avenue for the public to experience a growing knowledge of the visual arts, and to be an encouraging factor in the development of upcoming artists.”

Ouachita River Art Gallery

308 Trenton Street

West Monroe

Louisiana, 71291

Phone: 318-322-2380

Hours:

Tuesday – Saturday 10am-5pm

Website:

[www.ouachitariverartgallery.com](http://www.ouachitariverartgallery.com)

Blog:

<http://www.ouachitariverartgallery.blogspot.com/>

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Established July 1, 1990

Best Of Delta 2011

***Featured Artists for  
2013***

January: Marlen Waters

February: Happy Mardi Gras

March: Debra Heard

April: Joyce Beauvais

May: Don Holloway

June: Donna Tucker

July: Charlie Heck

August: Don Hudnall

September: Cindy Blanchard

October: Anne Eberle

November:

**December: Christmas Display**

**The River Gallery**



Happy Mardi Gras



**Did You Know?**

The traditional colors of Mardi Gras are purple (symbolic of justice), green (symbolic of faith) and gold (symbolic of power). The accepted story behind the original selection of these colors originates from 1872 when the Grand Duke Alexis Romanoff of Russia visited New Orleans. It is said that the Grand Duke came to the city in pursuit of an actress named Lydia Thompson. During his stay, he was given the honor of selecting the official Mardi Gras colors by the Krewe of Rex...thus, did these colors also become the colors of the House of Romanoff. The 1892 Rex Parade theme ("Symbolism of Colors") first gave meaning to the representation of the official Mardi Gras colors.

Interestingly, the colors of Mardi Gras influenced the choice of school colors for the Louisiana archrival colleges, Louisiana State University and Tulane University. When LSU was deciding on its colors, the stores in New Orleans had stocked-up on fabrics of purple, green and gold for the upcoming Mardi Gras Season. LSU, opting for purple and gold, bought a large quantity of the available cloth. Tulane purchased much of the only remaining color...green (Tulane's colors are green and white).





## Member News

### Exhibitions

Charlie Heck had a photograph chosen to be exhibited in the Louisiana Purchase 2nd National Biennial Juried Exhibit.

Dates to Remember for this event: Tuesday, January 15, 5 pm: lecture, Dr. Paul Manoguerra, juror, 6 pm: exhibition opening/awards ceremony  
January 15 – February 19: exhibition dates

Congratulations to Marlene Gremillion for displaying her artwork through December at the Mt. Magazine State Park in Arkansas.

### Our New Members

Susan Erlemeier: Pencil and Pastel  
Sue Abbott: Painter

The River gallery recently welcomed pencil artist Susan Erlemeier and painter Sue Abbott to the team which now consists of 29 artists working in all areas of painting, wood turning, pottery, jewelry and mixed media. The gallery has recently been remodeled so if you haven't been in lately, stop by.

Gallery hours are Tuesday through Saturday from 10am to 5pm with extended hours until 9pm on Thursday, February 7 for the Downtown Gallery Crawl. It's a great time to come and meet the artists, sample some home-cooked treats and enjoy wine from Landry's Vineyard.

## GALLERY ARTISTS

### Jewelry Crafters

Marsha Cabuk  
Marlene Gremillion

### Painters

Sue Abbott  
Phoebe Allen  
Joyce Beauvais  
Jane Dixon  
Melanie Douthit  
Anne Eberle  
Margaret Ellerman  
Susan Erlemeier  
Marlene Gremillion  
Debra Heard  
Jerry Jones  
Rita Mann  
Brenda McDaniel  
Jim McDaniel  
Donna McGee  
Melba Pickering  
Nancy Shutt  
Carol Smith  
Donna Tucker  
Linda Ward  
Marlen Waters

### Photographers

Cindy Blanchard  
Emily Brodnax  
Allen Harrison  
Charlie Heck

### Potters

Don Holloway  
Don Hudnall

### Wood Crafters

Rusty Patterson

## Cottonport Historic Cultural District

Visit  
The River Gallery Wall  
At  
Ouachita  
Independent  
Bank  
North 18<sup>th</sup> St  
Monroe



The River Gallery, voted Best Art Gallery in 2011, is at 308 Trenton Street, West Monroe, and is open Tuesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The gallery is the oldest and largest co-op gallery in the state. Many of the artists accept commissions, so if you see a style of work that you like, don't be afraid to inquire about having one of the artists create a custom piece. Admission is always free. Gallery member's work can also be seen at ORAG's extension gallery located in the lobby of Ouachita Independent Bank/Bankers Mortgage Plaza at 18th and Louisville in Monroe. Call 322-2380 for more information or visit [www.ouachitariverartgallery.com](http://www.ouachitariverartgallery.com) and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for sneak peeks of new art.

The artists at The River Gallery are letting the good times roll for the month of February. In celebration of Mardi Gras, the featured art will be Mardi Gras and Louisiana themed. From festivals and masks to fleur des lis, the celebration comes to life through paintings, photography, mixed media and more.



*Laissez les bon temps rouler*

## The River Gallery Workshops 2013

### **Don Cincone** – Louisiana's Own Master

Oil and Acrylic Painting \$180.00

Monday, April 29 thru Thursday May 2, 2013 9:00AM until 4:00 PM each day

Kiroli Park Lodge, West Monroe. La.

Student minimum 8, 15 maximum.

Cincone is a master teacher in helping his students to understand the creative process, no matter their medium or painting process. Don wants each student to understand how to reach that creativity in himself, no matter where the student is in his career. Don works well with beginners or advanced artists.

For this workshop, students will work from their own ideas, sketches, or photographs.

Students may work in acrylic or oil on canvas. Suggested sizes are 16 x 20 up to 18 x 24 (artist's choice). A supply list can be picked up at the gallery or mailed to you. \$50.00 deposit will save your place in the workshop. Mail your deposit to The River Gallery 308 Trenton Street, West Monroe, la. 71292.

Name of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_ Deposit \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Any Questions??? Call Anne Eberly at 318-345-5432 or [annerte@comcast.net](mailto:annerte@comcast.net) or [margaretellerman@hotmail.com](mailto:margaretellerman@hotmail.com)