

The River Gallery

Newsletter

January 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

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Established July 1, 1990
Best Of Delta 2011

Featured Artists for 2013

January:

February:

March:

April:

May:

June:

July:

August:

September:

October:

November:

December: Christmas Display

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**Ouachita River
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Marlen Watters Featured Artist

“Laugh, Love, Letter and Paint”



Genesis

*I*n the same vein as the book and movie by Elizabeth Gilbert, “Eat, Pray, Love”, Marlen Waters’ January “Featured Artist” exhibition at the River Gallery in West Monroe, “Laugh, Love, Letter, & Paint” is an exploration of color, spirit, paint and self-discovery using watermedia on paper and canvas.

Born and raised in Homer, La., Marlen Waters graduated from La. Tech University with a M.S. in Medical Technology and a M.B.A. in Marketing.

She continued her education studying art and calligraphy at La. Tech University, University of Pennsylvania, Chicago College of Art, St. Johns University, and with various master calligraphers and artists. She is a board member of the North Central Louisiana Arts Council, a charter member of the Piney Hills Art Gallery, a roster artist and a member of the Shreveport Regional Arts Council, and was a Louisiana Division of the Arts roster artist. She is a member of the Ouachita River Art Gallery, Lincoln Parish Museum and Beta Sigma Phi.

Marlen says about her work:
"I enjoy color—and lots of it, and the energy that the paint has when it is applied to the paper or canvas. I use latex, inks and acrylic paints on paper and canvas and let the paint tell me what the painting is to become. I also do a combination of calligraphic lettering worked into colorful abstract compositions. I still remember as a small child tracing letters from the covers of magazines, changing them, embellishing them and marveling at how their parts fit together. This fascination with letters, shapes, and colors grew into designing monograms, doing posters for my mom's work, and finally lead into combining my love of color and painting with letters and letter forms. Combining them has given me a chance to touch people

Marlen has been on the Louisiana Peach Festival Steering Committee for ten years and will be chairing the Arts and Crafts Show again this year. She was the Coordinator of Volunteers, chaired the Gospel and Family Day and has been in charge of the Peach Festival T-shirts and merchandise. She has had two of her designs selected for the Peach Festival poster and three of her designs have been selected for the t-shirts. One of her Peach Festival posters is currently being used in the HBO television show "True Blood".

www.marlenwaters.com or
contact her at
marlen@tugmail.net or
[318-255-9394](tel:318-255-9394).

Marlen was the Executive Director of the Dixie Center for the Arts in Ruston from the time it opened in January 2006 through 2011. Her art has been accepted into numerous juried shows and she has had several one- woman and shared shows in the region. She is a free-lance calligrapher, graphic designer and artist, and has taught art and calligraphy classes privately and with La. Tech University and Grambling State University Continuing Education.

Marlen is married to Roy Waters, and they live in Ruston, La. and have three children. They attend Trinity United Methodist Church. Her artwork can be viewed on her website www.marlenwaters.com or contact her at marlen@tugmail.net or [318-255-9394](tel:318-255-9394).

"The making of artworks is a blessing from God. The sharing of artworks is a gift between humans. Together, they express the ineffable."

You can see Marlen Water's work at the River Gallery during the month of January.

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 18th St
Monroe

The River Gallery Workshops 2013



Anya Lincoln Dunn **Oil and Acrylic**

Oil and Acrylic Painting: Sat., Feb. 16, 2013 The River Gallery, 308 Trenton Street, Antique Alley, West Monroe, LA. 9 AM until 4 PM. Maximum 12 students. Cost: \$45.

Anya Lincoln Dunn began her training painting career in Russia. She now lives in Rayville, Louisiana with her husband and two children. Anya does beautiful demonstrations very quickly and prefers working from life. She works realistically and abstractly and uses all different subject matter. She is a very well recommended instructor. She exhibits at *Art in Bloom Gallery*, 830 Chartres Street, in New Orleans.

Students will work from a still life set up and everyone will be called and asked to bring additions to the still life so we'll have a lot to choose from.

Students may work in acrylic or oil on canvas. Canvas sizes will be left up to each student. A supply list can be picked up at the gallery or mailed to you. \$45 will save your place in the workshop. Mail to 308 Trenton Street, West Monroe, LA



Name of Workshop: Anya Lincoln Dunn

Name _____ Address _____

Phone _____

e-mail _____

Deposit _____

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Mail to 308 Trenton Street, West Monroe, La. 7129 **Information – Call Margaret Ellerman, 318-435-7676 ; Anne Eberle, 345-5432**

Don't miss the opportunity to work with Anya and other Gallery Artists

Member News

Exhibitions

Charie 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.

You can see Marlen Water's work at the River Gallery during the month of January. The Ouachita River Art 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. Currently boasting 28 artists, you will find everything from paintings of all media, to wood turning, pottery, sketches and jewelry. The gallery is also open during the bi-monthly Downtown Gallery Crawls. Admission is 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.

