

The River Gallery

Newsletter

March 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.ouachitriverartgallery.com

Blog:

<http://www.ouachitriverartgallery.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

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March Featured Artist: *Debra Snyder Heard*





The **River Gallery** will feature the art of **Debra Snyder Heard** for the month of March. Debra, a Monroe native for 30 years, works in both pencil and oil painting. Her pencils are beautifully detailed in a realistic style and most of the work she does is commission pieces.

One of Debra's favorite art memories was when she was in high school. Her father had just had the whole house painted. He told Debra and her sisters that they could put anything they wanted on the walls, but that did not include nails, tape, tacks, or pins. That night her parents went out to a New Year's Eve party. Debra painted a huge oil painting on her bedroom wall. Her sisters just knew that she was going to get into a lot of trouble. When her father saw it he was shocked, but he couldn't get angry at Debra because she followed his rules. The neighbors started giving Debra commissions to paint and do artwork for them after they saw her work.

Debra attended college at Co-lin Jr. College, in Wesson, Mississippi and then studied at Delta State in Cleveland, Mississippi. She married David Heard from Natchez Mississippi, and had two wonderful sons Davy and Daniel Heard. She later attended University of Louisiana where she received her Bachelor's of Fine Arts Degree in Graphic Design degree, and Art Education with a teaching certificate. She has worked as a display manager, graphic designer, and art teacher for grades k-12. She now teaches art at West Ouachita Senior Center and works in her art studio.

She is currently working on a series of flower paintings. She chose this subject because she views flowers as God's/nature gifts to everyone in their daily life, to remind them that life is beautiful and short. Her goal is to bring beauty into everything she paints and draws. We invite you to the the gallery throughout the month of March to view Debra's work.

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, 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 and don't forget to "like" us on Facebook for sneak peeks of new art.



Member News

Ouachita River Gallery artist's Don Hudnall and Melanie Douthit will not only be displaying at their home gallery during the D.A.A. Gallery Art Crawl but will also be displaying at The Downstairs Gallery on Art Alley in Monroe. Their works will have a Steampunk feel as The Downstairs Gallery is hosting "A Clockwork Strange". Think along the lines of retro-futuristic. There will also be special gifts for those in appropriate (steampunk) attire.

Don's pottery will have a nautical sub-theme as demonstrated by his Octipots. Teapots being gripped by octopus tentacles. His Downstairs Gallery setup will center around "The Captain & Boiler Chief". These are two wall hanging figures facing each other having a discussion about a problem with their ship. These are all brand new works never seen before that have been handcrafted while nude. That is correct. He decided to do something completely different and create / glaze these while nude. Turns out it did not affect the pottery at all.

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 or margaretellerman@hotmail.com