



## July Demo Artist, Shelley Gentry

ALA members thoroughly enjoyed Shelley Gentry's acrylic demonstration at our last meeting. She is a graduate of Hendrix College, Harrington Institute of Design in Chicago, and worked as a designer at the architectural firm, Perkins + Will in Chicago. We are so glad she decided to move back to Arkansas!

Shelley brought 3 different paintings in different stages and showed us how she approaches her paintings. In her first painting, "Lion for the Day", she showed us how she starts a painting by deciding on the composition, editing her picture, sketching the lion, quickly getting rid of the white canvas with layers of paint. She said 90% of her paintings are from photos she or friends have taken.

Her second painting, "Light on Lilies", focused on problems she may see along the way and how she resolves them. The purpose of this painting was the dramatic light and color. She showed how changing the background color behind the flowers made a big difference.

Her third painting, "Beach Happy", explained how she finalizes her paintings, admitting it's sometimes hard to know when to stop. We know that feeling!

Be sure and to check out her wonderful art at <https://www.shelleygentry.com> and



## August Demo, Michelle Moore

Michelle Moore studies pottery, painting, and printmaking.

You may see her work at:

<http://www.michellemooreart.com/paintings.html>.

**Sep** - Marlene Gremillion, 6X6 Fundraiser, Double up on art

**Oct** - Demo Artist, Jeannie Stone, Double up on art

**Nov** - No Meeting

**Dec** - 12/6 Winners' Show & Christmas Party - No meeting

## JULY ARTISTS of THE MONTH



1<sup>st</sup> - **Eddie Smith, Jr.**

3<sup>rd</sup> - **Debbie Strobel**

2<sup>nd</sup> - **Vonda Rainey**

4<sup>th</sup> - **Shirley Homsley**

5<sup>th</sup> - **Millie Phillips**

## *Art Sales and Recognition*

**Sharon Franke** sold 3 paintings at Local Color Gallery and 1 painting at the Butler Center.

**Vonda Rainey** sold 4 commissioned paintings.

**Ann Presley** sold 1 painting at The Art Group Gallery and one commissioned painting.

**Glenn Beasley** sold one painting and 2 prints.

**Debbie Strobel, Susan Hurst, and Mary Ann Stafford** have several paintings displayed at Community Bakery, along with several other members of the Arkansas Pastel Society. The exhibit will be up through the end of August.

**David Paul Cook**, long-time member and past president, had successful knee replacement surgery one week ago. He is up and about walking, doing his exercises, and growing stronger each day. David will teach two watercolor landscape painting classes this Fall, one on Mondays, 9 to 11:30, at the senior center in Maumelle, and the other Tuesdays, 9 to noon at the Arts Center's new Riverdale location.

The Maumelle classes will be a new offering, titled "Eight Views of Pinnacle Mountain." This summer, David also completed two more sketchbook-journals. His work can be seen at the Galleries at Library Square (Butler Center) and the new Arts Center's Gift Shop.

**Mary Ann Stafford** is currently exhibiting 10 pastel landscapes at St. Peter's Church in Conway, Aug- Oct., and a pen and ink drawing has been accepted into the Artists of Northwest Arkansas National Exhibit in Fayetteville. Exhibit dates are September 5 through October 1.



# Art Sale



**Tell Everyone ALA will be having an art sale at our September meeting!**

We are having our art sale at our September 24 meeting, so we are asking that each and every member please bring at least one (or more!) small 6”X6” paintings that night to donate to the sale. All proceeds will go toward our art shows. Of course, we would be happy to accept any size. Plus, **spread the word** that we are going to be having a sale that evening, **bring a friend** and **come early at 6:30!**

All 6” x 6 “ paintings will be sold for \$20. If you bring another size, you will fill out the Silent Auction Bid form with the minimum starting amount. Then, members and friends will silently bid on those. Please invite your friends and family to come and enjoy a great way to purchase some new, original art! For questions, you may call our coordinator, Vonda Rainey, at (501) 772-4711 or email us at [arkansasleagueofartists@yahoo.com](mailto:arkansasleagueofartists@yahoo.com).

*Thank You!*



**September 13 through September 28**

All of us with ACANSA are thrilled to bring you the Sixth Annual ACNSA Arts Festival of the South. Our greatest celebration to date, the Festival spans 3 weeks of dynamic arts and cultural events.

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9/6/2019 - 9/30/2019

Reception: 9/6/2019 5:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Art Group Gallery

11525 Cantrell, Pleasant Ridge Town Center

Little Rock, Arkansas

United States

A journey can take us around the world or around the corner. It can be traveled by plane, by boat, by car - or in a dream. Come and see the collection of art-inspired journeys taken by the artists of the Art Group Gallery.

## THE NEW GALLERY



Located at 1619 Scott Street, [The New Gallery](#) is a contemporary art gallery in the Soma area of Little Rock. Owned by David and Teresa Carlisle, the gallery specializes in showcasing work made by emerging artists and mid-career artists, ranging from locals to international artists.



Meet artist Mathew McConnell at this Friday's opening reception for his solo show, "February" from 6-9pm. There will be light refreshments too!

McConnell has an MFA from the University of Colorado and a BFA from Valdosta State University in Georgia. He has held numerous solo exhibitions and his works have been included in over fifty group exhibitions nationally and internationally. He is currently serving as an Associate Professor at the University of Arkansas School of Art. "February" continues McConnell's long exploration into the persistent problems of invention, originality, and creative influence in art making.

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