

CTHC to feature Cotton County Art Council

Lavonne High is known as the “painter of skies.”

Pattie Calfy considers Oklahoma the winning jackpot as she travels the countryside in search of subjects to photograph.

LaMonte Dolman, at age 100, still finds the graphite pencil her greatest inspiration.

High, Dolman and Calfy, along with seven other women, and one man, will be featured in an exclusive show at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan.

The Cotton County Art Council Holiday Exhibition and Sale opens Thursday, Nov. 2, with a public reception, 4 to 6:30 p.m. at the Heritage Center. This is the first time the award-winning organization will have a show at the Center. In 2014, the Cotton County Art Council (CCAC) was recipient of the Oklahoma Governor’s Arts Award.

The free reception is a come and go event and guests get a chance to meet the artists and purchase art just in time for holiday giving.

Artists with works in this show are: LynneAdene Thompson, Priscilla Pennington, Michelle Roberts, Traci Pennington, Sharon Wiley, Pattie Calfy, Bill Boyer, Judy Brannan, Lavonne High, Linda Moore and LaMonte Dolman.

“This is such an honor to be asked to show our work at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center,” member Sharon Wiley said.

Everyone is invited to the opening reception.

It’s a great time for people to meet the artists and enjoy refreshments. The show is open through Dec. 24.

History of CCAC

In 1966, the CCAC was formed and the group hosted its first art show in May 1969, in downtown Walters. An active group, they host art shows, meet weekly for painting lessons and even teach art to area children. In 1984, the group began restoring the abandoned Rock Island Railroad Depot in Walters. In 1987, it was completed and the group meets there weekly. In 1999, the Walters Depot was added to the National Register of Historic Places. One of the Council’s founding members was Comanche member Leonard “Black Moon” Riddles 1918-2003. He painted a series of frescoes that are permanently displayed in the Walters depot. Riddles died two days after his 85th birthday.

Calendars produced by the CCAC will also be available to buy. Among the art in the 2018 calendar, are photographs of the frescoes Riddles painted. Also, “Comanche Warrior” painted by Riddles in 1972, which is held in the Garis Gallery of the American West collection, will be on display during the exhibition at the Heritage Center.

The Heritage Center is Oklahoma’s Outstanding Attraction and a True West magazine Top Ten Museum of the West.

For information, call 580-252-6692, or visit www.facebook.com/onthechisholmtrail/events.



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FEATURED: LynneAdene Thompson, a member of the Cotton County Art Council, in Walters is one of 11 artists whose work will be featured and available to purchase, at the Chisholm Trail Heritage Center in Duncan. The CCAC Holiday Exhibition and Sale, kicks off with a public reception, 4-6:30 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 2. The show remains on display through Dec. 24.