

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center **January 18, 2007**

Present: Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, David Meloy, Janet Sichterman, and Mary Wildermuth

Absent: Loren Backhaus, Scott Natvig

Staff: Barbara Longtin, Director

Visitors Speak: No visitors in attendance

MINUTES: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by David Meloy that the minutes of the December 21, 2006 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

BILLS: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mike Knott to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,045.17 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Collections: Total of acquisitions for the month of December was \$350. In addition we spent \$1,125 with James Horns our conservator who worked on several paintings for us.

Buildings and Grounds: Nothing to report.

Finance & Budget: The various funds and foundation balances, along with the expenditures were reviewed and approved.

Community Long-Range Planning: Nothing new to report.

Art Center Long-Range Planning: Each committee chair was asked to review their long range plans and report any changes at the next Board meeting in February. Barb will get with committee chairs to discuss changes.

Personnel: The Mayor will be recommending a new Board of Trustee, Marilyn Wick, to the City Council at tonight's meeting. We expect the City Council to affirm the recommendation.

Program/Publicity: On February 11 we will be having a Grant Wood birthday party with John Duggleby talking about Grant Wood and unveiling our newest Wood acquisition.

Education Coordinator's Report: Report was received for review.

Director's Report: Report was received for review.

Unfinished Business: Nothing new to report.

New Business: Trustees should make a note on their calendars that there will be a museum tour before the February board meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mark Huddleston and seconded by Eric Knoernschild to adjourn the meeting. Motion Carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Janet R. Sichterman, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of December 2006
January 18, 2007

Total number of visitors for December 2006	737
Total number of visitors for December 2005	791
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006	16,516
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2005	18,075

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of December)

November 26 through January 7, 2007

Quilts from the Muscatine Art Center Permanent Collection

November 17 through January 14, 2007

Hatpins and Hatpin Holders

December 17 through January 28, 2007

Currier & Ives Prints from the Permanent Collection

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – January)

January 14, 2007 – April 1, 2007

DIG IT! Eisele Hill Archaeological Excavation

CLASSES

December 1 & 8

Music For Tots - taught by Julie Lear

December 2

Gingerbread House Workshop – taught by June Pries & Julie Lear

December 6

Pet Rock Studio – taught by Vada Baker & Duffy DeFrance

Art for Tots: Ho Ho Ho – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

December 9

Santorama IX – Clothespin Ornaments & Chocolate Santas – taught by Julie Lear

December 13

Art for Tots: Holiday Things – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

TOURS

December 4

Muscatine Community College Art Students

December 14

Library Story Time Participants

December 19

Jefferson School 3rd grade students

December 20

Jefferson School 3rd grade students

OTHER

December 3
Facility rented for child's birthday party
Facility rented for piano recital

December 4 & 5
MCC Choral Program rehearsals & program held in the Music Room

December 4, 7 & 15
Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

December 5, 12 & 19
Adventures in Art class held in the Stanley Gallery studio

December 10
Facility rented for child's birthday party

December 11
Longtin spoke about Alexander Clark at the Iowa Department of Human Rights Day
Event in Des Moines
Lear presented program to Central Middle School At-Risk Students

December 14
Questers program held in the Music Room

December 19
Homeschool program held in the Stanley Gallery studio

ACQUISITIONS

- Victorian die-cut advertisement for Muscatine shoe store. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Several pieces of Muscatine related ephemera. Gift of Jennifer Blair.
- Framed photograph of US Corp of Engineers "Snagging Boat". Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Railroad puzzles, c.1910 & "Standard Boys Tool Chest", c1910. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Annual Peter Norton Christmas Project gift to museums. Gift of Peter Norton.
- Muscatine Coca-Cola glass bottle & Pearl City Ice Cream Co. thermometer (advertising items). Gifts of Mr. & Mrs. Don Monk.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Longtin
Director

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January 9, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, December 2006

December marked the end of our Fall Semester, and it was a great one! We had terrific response to our classes and posted significant increases in both class attendance and outreach programs over 2005. (The reason the 2004 total enrollment figure is higher than this year's is that the Homeschool Assistance program has lost participants during the past few years, so there were not as many students participating in our art classes for that group. We also conducted an Audubon Ark outreach program in 2004 which included all 4th graders in the public school system.) All in all, I was very pleased with the response to our program this fall.

Our December kids' workshops kicked off with our annual "Family Gingerbread House Workshop" with June Pries and Julie Lear. This year we had 24 families creating houses in the studio, with an additional 12 families for whom we baked houses to be finished at home. Julie Lear wrapped up our fall kids' workshops with "Santorama IX: Clothespin Ornaments & Chocolate Santa's." The students had a great time creating Victorian Santa ornaments and casting chocolate in Victorian replica molds.

Our Home School Assistance students returned to the Art Center in December for a Gingerbread House workshop of their own.

Julie Lear conducted a number of outreach workshops in December.

The Y Variety Arts Group created "Pop Can Santa's." and the Y Teen Leaders assembled, frosted and decorated gingerbread houses.

The Big Brothers & Big Sisters "Matches" created gingerbread houses, and the HodgePodge group made Santa ornaments.

Central Middle School's "School Within a School" program for at-risk students learned how to create geometric Christmas ornaments from recycled Christmas cards.

The Musser Library evening story time was held at the Art Center on Dec. 14. Betty Collins and I read stories and Julie Lear showed the children how to create traditional Victorian "scrap" ornaments. St. Nicholas snuck in and filled the children's shoes with candy while they were busy in the studio! We debuted our new hand organ at this event and it was a big hit!

We conducted one tour in December. Third graders from Jefferson School came to view the Christmas decorations in the mansion.

There were two birthday parties in December. Julie Lear is now serving as "back up" when Betty Smith is out of town.

The Winter Semester brochure has been completed and distributed.

In addition to supporting our winter program, I am now working on plans for our spring and summer 2007 semesters, as well as the Ice Cream Social and other outreach events.

Let me know if you have anything else to add to the list.

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department
2006 Fall Attendance Report**

December 2006

Date	Event	Students enrolled	Attendance
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December 2006

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Fri. Dec. 1	Music for Tots: ID 3012 & 3013	37	57
Sat. Dec. 2	Gingerbread House Workshop ID 3020	27	44
Sun. Dec. 3	Birthday – Mehaffey	--	15
	Totals for week:	92 (Dec. 64)	171 (Dec. 116)

Mon. Dec. 4	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	19
Tues. Dec. 5	Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Dec. 6	Art for Tots: Ho Ho Ho ID 3006 & 3007	20	30
	Pet Rock Studio: Time Travelers ID 3023	8	7
Thurs. Dec. 7	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--	16
Fri. Dec. 8	Music for Tots: ID 3012 & 3013	37	67
Sat. Dec. 9	Santorama IX: Clothespin Ornaments ID 3021	15	15
Sun. Dec. 10	Birthday – Crow	--	20
	Totals for week:	80	176

Mon. Dec. 11	Outreach: School Within a School	--	16
Tues. Dec. 12	Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Dec. 13	Art for Tots: Holiday Things	20	34
Thurs. Dec. 14	Outreach: Library Story Time	--	47
	Outreach: Big Brother Big Sister Matches	--	37
Fri. Dec. 15	Outreach: Hodgepodge Kids	--	22
Sat. Dec. 16			
Sun. Dec. 17			
	Totals for week:	20	158

Mon. Dec. 18			
Tues. Dec. 19	Outreach: Homeschool Gingerbread	--	27
	Tour: Jefferson School 3 rd grade	--	25

Wed. Dec. 20			
Thurs. Dec. 21			
Fri. Dec. 22			
Sat. Dec. 23	Art Center Closed		
Sun. Dec. 24	Art Center Closed		
	Totals for week:	--	52

Mon. Dec. 25	Art Center Closed		
Tues. Dec. 26			
Wed. Dec. 27			
Thurs. Dec. 28			
Fri. Dec. 29			

Sat. Dec. 30
Sun. Dec. 31

Totals for week:

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	Classes	Attendance
Totals for Dec.	164	502
Totals for Dec. 2005	208	400
Totals for Dec. 2004	122	424
Totals for Fall 2006 semester:	846	3011
Totals for Fall 2005 Semester:	742	2853
Totals for Fall 2004 Semester:	630	3831