

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

August 16, 2007

Present: Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Scott Natvig, and Tom Spread

Absent: Mark Huddleston, Dave Meloy, Marilyn Wick and Mary Wildermuth

Staff: Barb Christensen, Director

Visitors Speak: No visitors in attendance

Minutes: It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Jan Henderson that the minutes of the July 19, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by Eric Knoernschild to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,760.06 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: The Peter Mar jeep and milk cart that were approved for purchase at the July meeting were available for viewing at this meeting. Also on view was a near mint example of the relatively common "Humpty Dumpty" Peter Mar toy donated by the seller of the other toys.

The seller also offered the rare "Old Lady in the Shoe" Peter Mar toy for sale for \$400. The offered example is slightly different and in much better condition than the example in the MAC collection. Following the meeting the trustees adjourned to look more closely at the MAC example and the offered example. This toy was also approved for purchase.

Roy Carver and Pat Schaapveld donated 37 pieces of Iowa City glass to the MAC. The MAC has an excellent collection of this glassware but all 37 pieces are new to the collection.

Key examples from the John Connor glass collection will be on display soon at the MAC.

Building & Grounds: The RV which has been parked on the street next door is now parked in the MAC's back parking lot. The City attorney prepared a waiver for the owner's signature which allowed this move to transpire. The signed liability waiver is on file at the MAC.

A large tree in the front yard is in failing health and Barb has discussed its removal with the City's Parks and Recreation Department. They will have the tree removed but no date has been set.

Barb discussed the damaged brick driveway edging with City personnel. It was determined that the drive does not meet ADA criteria for pedestrian access so it is

likely that the driveway grade will have to be altered. This grade modification will likely result in an all-concrete drive with the brick edging being omitted.

Several painters have been to the MAC to prepare a bid for painting the offices/hall and portions of the Stanley Gallery. This work was included in the Street Department's budget and, along with new carpeting, should be done this fall.

Finance & Budget: Authorization for issuing a check for the "Muscatine Musical" was signed by the Trustees. This payment was approved at the February 15, 2007 meeting.

Only the Support Foundation budget was available for review.

Long-Range Planning: No Report

Personnel: No Report

President Natvig established most of the Committee assignments pending "buy in" by the members.

Program/Publicity: Today (August 16th) was orientation for all newly hired teachers in the school district. Sixty (60) teachers and three (3) administrators attended. They were given packets with the MAC's exhibition schedule and information on booking tours. Lunch was provided in the studio for a cost of \$400. Barb has applied for a grant to cover this cost but if not approved the money will be taken from the Support Foundation fund.

A tour will be given on Monday, August 20th for all District 4th grade teachers. Their curriculum includes studying Muscatine History.

The Friends have scheduled the "Festival of Wreaths" for November 10-16.

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

Director's Report: Report was received for review.

The report included a lengthy list of gifts presumably prompted by the Muscatine History Show.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mike Knott and seconded by Jan Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of July 2007
August 16, 2007

Total number of visitors for July 2007	1723
Total number of visitors for July 2006	977
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007	9650
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006	9780
All figures include outreach program participants	

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of July)

Through October 14, 2007

Muscatine History Show

July 1 – August 5, 2007

Capturing the Secrets of Fire: Photography by Cynthia Naber

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – August)

June 3 – October 14, 2007

Muscatine History Show

Through August 5, 2007

Capturing the Secrets of Fire: Photography by Cynthia Naber

SPECIAL EVENTS

July 1

Ice Cream Social

July 10

Vision Iowa Reception in the Stanley Gallery

July 12

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center Annual Meeting

CLASSES

July 11

Carolyn Pomponio: Monoprints - taught by Jeanna Gerot

July 11, 18 & 25

Music For Tots - taught by Julie Lear

July 12

Summer Studio: One-Stroke Flowers - taught by Vada Baker

Red Barn Studio: Pocket Memory Book - taught by Vada Baker

July 12 & 13

Family Days: Animal Action – 2 sessions taught by Julie Lear

Family Days: The Sculptures of Gary Grossman – taught by Jeanna Gerot

July 18

Pop Art Pizza - taught by Vada Baker

July 19

Summer Studio: Summer Garden Scene - taught by Vada Baker

Red Barn Studio: Butterfly Kisses Altered Book - taught by Vada Baker

July 24

Field Trip – KWPC Radio Station - taught by Duffy DeFrance

July 25

Animal Capers - taught by Duffy DeFrance

July 26

Summer Studio: Favorite Things – Still Life Painting - taught by Vada Baker

Red Barn Studio: Spirit Singer Gourd Mask - taught by Vada Baker

TOURS

July 12

Sr. Day Care group

July 14

Chamber – Vietnamese Visiting group

OTHER

July 9

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

July 10

Christensen attended Cultural Alliance meeting

July 19

Public Library Story Time held at the Art Center

ACQUISITIONS

- Muscatine Boat Show poster. Gift of Dave Moritz
- B/W photo of KWPC parade float, c.1955. Gift of KWPC Radio Station
- Red clay brick dated 7/4/1886 used for Muscatine street paving. Gift of Randy Elder.
- Hershey State Bank notebook. Gift of Gary Moody
- “Midwest Culvert” tape measure (advertising). Gift of Ralph Kennedy
- Muscatine News Tribune & Muscatine Journal., April 15, 1925. Gift of Janet Kindler
- Sepia photo: ‘First Boats to Go Through the New Lock, June 12, 1913. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- 3 Muscatine postcards. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Sepia postcard “ ‘Firefly’ Coming Around the Bend, Muscatine, IA” Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Framed photo collage of KWPC historical items. Gift of KWPC
- 2 KWPC electrical transcripts of live organ performances (1947-49). Gift of Mr. David McGowan.
- Large collection of KWPC historical artifacts. Gift of John & Darlene Schwandke.
- 2 walnut wood hat stands for display purposes. Gift of Pam Knott.
- Advertising for B.E. Lilly Dry Goods. Gift of Jennifer Fryberger Blair.
- “Muscatine Canning Co.” factory photograph. Gift of Marilyn Schlutz.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

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August 2, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, July 2007

Our summer semester is winding down. As was the case last summer, there were a few cancellations in July due to low enrollment. However, those classes that were held were received with great enthusiasm, and as you will note from the comparisons in the Attendance Report, over-all July enrollment was up over prior years, particularly with regard to our outreach programming.

The theme of our July "Family Days" was "Animal Action." The little ones met in the studio with Julie Lear and enjoyed a half-hour of music and some fun art projects, including giraffe collage, stand-up kangaroo, and owl masks. The older students met in the pottery studio with Jeanna Gerot, where they learned about artist Gary Grossman and created wildlife soap sculptures.

Jeanna Gerot kicked off our Wednesday kids' classes with a workshop on printmaker Carolyn Pomponio. Students learned about the artist and experimented with various printmaking techniques. Vada Baker taught a fun workshop called "Pop Art Pizza" in which students created a pizza masterpiece with acrylic paint and actual vegetables and then got to compare it to the real thing in the pizza party which followed. Students in Duffy De France's "Animal Capers" workshop created place mats with an animal theme.

In order to be sure that fine art techniques are a solid part of our programming, we offered a series of acrylic painting classes this summer. They were well enough received that I think we will try again next summer, and perhaps also look for a spot for fine art drawing classes as well.

Unfortunately, our "Behind the Scenes" field trips have not been doing well this year. I still think that field trips should be a part of any summer museum program so will continue to include them in some form. Thanks to Muscabus for transporting our students for a very reasonable fee.

Vada Baker continues to offer adult painting and craft classes on Thursday evenings. These "Red Barn Studio" workshops are a whole lot of fun and have become one of our on-going programs.

We took part in a number of outreach programs in July. Of course, our main event was the annual Ice Cream Social, which was a big success this year. Thanks to all our volunteers; Pam Knott for running the prize booth, and Rebecca & Nathan Reichart, Katie Dougherty, Jan Ransome, August & Randal Cooper, Kaleb & Shelby Schmidt, Saul Aguirre and Tiffany Fleener for help with the games. Thanks also to Friends for all the hard work they put in to this event!

In addition to our regularly scheduled Y Variety Arts (Shoji Lanterns) and Y Teen Leaders (pyrographic frames), we offered a craft day at the Musser Library (Sherlock Holmes hats and magnifying glasses) and hosted an evening story-time about Muscatine History at the Art Center. Julie also taught a “Baby Lap Sit” musical program at the Library.

We conducted two tours in July, one for the Senior Resources Adult Day Center and one for a group of Vietnamese visitors.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in July.

Our fall brochure is complete and should be mailed out the end of this week. I am currently working on promotion and supplies for our fall classes and plans for winter and spring 2008 semesters.

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

Muscatine Art Center Education Department 2007 Summer Attendance Report

July 2007

Date	Event	Students enrolled	Attendance
Sun. July 1	Ice Cream Social	--	215
	Totals for week (July):		215
Mon. July 2			
Tues. July 3	Outreach: Musser Library (Sherlock Holmes)	--	160
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. July 4	ART CENTER CLOSED		
Thurs. July 5			
Fri. July 6			
Sat. July 7			
Sun. July 8			
	Totals for week:	--	162
Mon. July 9	Outreach: Y Variety Arts: Shoji Lanterns	--	13
Tues. July 10	Behind the Scenes: John Deason's Studio ID 4031 class cancelled – low enrollment		
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. July 11	Music for Tots ID 4014 & 4015	33	61
	Kids workshop: Carolyn Pomponio ID 4026	6	8
Thurs. July 12	Family Days: Animal Action ID 4008	10	19
	Acrylic Painting: One Stroke Flowers ID 4036	11	11
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders: Pyrographic Frames	--	15
	Tour: Senior Resources Adult Day Care – History show	--	10
	Red Barn Studio: Pocket Memory Book ID 4041	10	10
Fri. July 13	Family Days: Animal Action ID 4009	15	26

	Family Days: Sculptures of Gary Grossman ID 4010		8	
7				
Sat. July 14	Tour: Vietnamese group (Chamber)	--		39
Sun. July 15				
	Totals for week:	93		221
Mon. July 16				
Tues. July 17	Behind the Scenes: Mark Twain Lookout ID 4032 class cancelled – low enrollment			
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--	
Wed. July 18	Music for Tots ID 4014 & 4015		34	60
	Kids workshop: Pop Art Pizza ID 4027		12	17
Thurs. July 19	Acrylic Painting: Summer Garden Scene ID 4037		12	14
	Red Barn Studio: Butterfly Kisses Altered Book ID 4042	7		7
	Outreach: Library Story Time at the Art Center	--		39
Fri. July 20				
Sat. July 21				
Sun. July 22				
	Totals for week:	65		137
Mon. July 23	Baby Lap Sit	--	45	
Tues. July 24	Behind the Scenes: KWPC Radio Station ID 4033	5		4
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	1	
Wed. July 25	Music for Tots ID 4014 & 4015		34	64
	Kids workshop: Animal Capers ID 4028		14	12
Thurs. July 26	Acrylic Painting: Favorite Things ID 4038	7		6
	Red Barn Studio: Spirit Singer Gourd Mask ID 4043		7	
8				
Fri. July 27				
Sat. July 28				
Sun. July 29				
	Totals for week:	67		140
Mon. July 30				
Tues. July 31	Behind the Scenes: Downtown Muscatine ID 4034 class cancelled – low enrollment			
	Totals for July:	249		875
	Totals for July 2006	211		386
	Totals for July 2005	211		336