

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center **September 20, 2007 (Noon)**

Present: Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Scott Natvig, and Mary Wildermuth

Absent: Mark Huddleston, Dave Meloy, Tom Spread and Marilyn Wick

Staff: None

Visitors Speak: No visitors in attendance

Minutes: It was moved by Jan Henderson and seconded by Eric Knoernschild that the minutes of the August 16, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mary Wildermuth to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,544.14 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: No Report

Building & Grounds: One maple tree was removed and a second maple tree trimmed in front of the MAC by Muscatine Parks Department.

On Wednesday, September 19th, Hy-Vee employees, City Parks & Rec personnel and the members of the MHS Transitions Program spent part of the day working in the MAC yard and gardens as part of United Way's "Day of Caring".

Finance & Budget: The MAC submitted a grant application to the Community Foundation of Muscatine for \$400 to assist with the cost of the lunch for the new teacher orientation held on Thursday, August 16th. The Foundation approved a grant of \$300 for this purpose. The orientation went very well with approximately 60 teachers and administrators including Dr. Tom Williams and Becky Furlong in attendance.

Only the Support Foundation budget was available for review.

Long-Range Planning: Eric Knoernschild mentioned that the library had narrowed their Director choice to two candidates and had made an offer to one of them.

Personnel: Despite "moving on", Gary Carlson plans to stay involved with the Art Center/Library project.

The MAC currently has a young man named Alex working approximately 3 hours per week under the Special Education Department helping Julie Lear and Andy Tabor with housekeeping duties.

On Tuesday, October 23rd, the MAC will host two students for the Junior Achievement Job Shadow Day.

Program/Publicity: The MAC is featured in *The Iowan* on page 53, along with other Iowa Museum Association members as part of a special section called "Wonder-filled Wanderings"

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.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: None

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of August 2007
September 20, 2007

Total number of visitors for August 2007

990

Total number of visitors for August 2006

979

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007

10,640

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006

10,759

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of August)

Through October 14, 2007

Muscatine History Show

July 1 – August 5, 2007

Capturing the Secrets of Fire: Photography by Cynthia Naber

August 19 - September 21, 2007

Images of Corn

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – September)

June 3 – October 14, 2007

Muscatine History Show

Through September 21, 2007

Images of Corn

SPECIAL EVENTS

CLASSES

August 1 & 8

Music For Tots - taught by Julie Lear (two sessions)

August 8

The Art of Brice Marden - taught by Duffy DeFrance

August 9

Red Barn Studio – Cigar Box Clutch - taught by Vada Baker

Summer Studio – Wild & Crazy Abstract Painting taught by Vada Baker

August 9 & 10

Family Days: Clayworks – 2 sessions taught by Julie Lear

Family Days: Good Luck Charms – taught by Vada Baker

August 16

Red Barn Studio: Piano Hinge Book - taught by Vada Baker

TOURS

August 7

J. Garvin guests

August 27

Jefferson School 4th grade class

OTHER

August 2, 6 & 24

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

August 16

New teachers in the school district received Art Center orientation

August 20

Fourth grade community school teachers received Art Center orientation

August 30

Christensen & Norton attended Home Camp planning meeting

ACQUISITIONS

- Easel. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Friends Oats advertising bowl. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Peter Mar toys: Jeep & Milk Cart with bottles. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Antique tricycle and sled. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Peter Mar "Old Lady Who Lived in a Shoe" Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Peter Mar Humpty Dumpty. Gift of Jan Ransom

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

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August 31, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, August 2007

Our summer semester has ended. As you can see from the attached Attendance Report, our class enrollment was down somewhat compared to the past two years. I understand from talking to others who offer programs in the arts that this has been the case with many such programs this year. Our outreach numbers, however, continue to increase.

The theme of our August "Family Days" was "Clayworks." The little ones met in the studio with Julie Lear and enjoyed a half-hour of music and art projects exploring different kinds of clay, including mixing blue and yellow clay to create green clay and creating a sand castle "clay" collage using sand clay. The older students met in the pottery studio with Vada Baker, where they created good luck charms out of Model Magic clay and embellishments.

There was only one Kids' workshop in August. Duffy De France showed the students examples of American abstract artist Brice Marden and then led a spirited workshop in which they painted with sticks, long-handled brushes and other implements to create abstract paintings.

Vada Baker carried the abstract theme over into her final "Summer Studio" acrylic painting classes with a workshop on imaginative abstract design. We had a much better response to this Thursday time slot than we did with our experiment with Saturday classes last summer.

As I mentioned in July, our "Behind the Scenes" field trips did not do well this year, and our August field trip to Miller's Florist also had to be cancelled. We will re-think the format for next summer, although I still feel that sketching field trips should be a part of a well-balanced summer program.

Vada Baker concluded her "Red Barn Studio" classes for adults with "Piano Hinge Book" on August 2 and "Cigar Box Clutch" on August 9.

We took part in three outreach programs in August. In addition to our regularly scheduled Y Variety Arts (Masking Tape Masterpieces) and Y Teen Leaders (also Masking Tape Masterpieces), Julie offered a workshop on Louis Picek's bottle-cap fish for the Hodgepodge group.

We conducted four tours in August. On August 7th I gave a combination tour to Jeanne Garvin's Reunion group. On August 16th we hosted an orientation event for the new Muscatine Community School district teachers which included brief tours of the mansion and the history exhibit. On August 20th the 4th grade teachers held their district meeting at the Art Center and were given a more detailed tour of the history exhibit. They were encouraged to bring their classes to view the history exhibit while it is still on display. On August 27th Jefferson 4th graders came for a tour of the history exhibit.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in August.

Our fall brochure has been mailed. We will distribute through the schools and to the preschools the week after Labor Day. It remains to be seen how the absence of the Echo publication will impact our enrollment this fall. 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

August 2007

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>
<u>Attendance</u>		
Wed. Aug. 1	Music for Tots: ID 4014 & 4015	34
66		
	Kids workshop: Ulfert Wilke ID 4029	class cancelled – low
enrollment		
Thurs. Aug. 2	Acrylic Painting: Me Myself & I ID 4039	class cancelled – low
enrollment		
	Red Barn Studio: Piano Hinge Book ID 4044	class cancelled –
family emergency		
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders (Masking Tape Masterpieces)--	
13		
Fri. Aug. 3		
Sat. Aug. 4		
Sun. Aug. 5		
Totals for week (August):		34 70

Mon. Aug. 6	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (Masking Tape Masterpieces)--		
15			
Tues. Aug. 7	Behind the Scenes: Miller's Florist	class cancelled – low	
	enrollment		
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
	Tour: Jeanne Garvin Reunion: History & Mansion	--	
16			
Wed. Aug. 8	Music for Tots: ID 4014 & 4015	34	
58			
	Kids Workshop: Brice Marden ID 4030	8	
8			
Thurs. Aug. 9	Family Days: Clayworks ID 4011	15	
18			
	Acrylic Painting: Abstract ID 4040	5	
	6		
	Red Barn Studio: Cigar Box Clutch ID 4045	7	
7			
Fri. Aug. 10	Family Days: Clayworks ID 4012	15	
24			
	Family Days: Good Luck Charms ID 4013	7	
8			
Sat. Aug. 11			
Sun. Aug. 12			
	Totals for week:	91	
145			
Mon. Aug. 13			
Tues. Aug. 14	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Aug. 15			
Thurs. Aug. 16	Red Barn Studio: Piano Hinge Book ID 4044 (make-up)	4	
3			
	Tour: New Teachers Tour Orientation	--	
55			
Fri. Aug. 17			
Sat. Aug. 18			
Sun. Aug. 19			
	Totals for week:	4	
58			
Mon. Aug. 20	Tour: 4 th Grade Teachers History Exhibit Orientation	--	
30			
Tues. Aug. 21	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Aug. 22			
Thurs Aug. 23			
Fri. Aug. 24	Outreach: Y Hodgepodge kids	--	
19			

Sat. Aug. 25			
Sun. Aug. 26			
Totals for week:		--	
51			
Mon. Aug. 27 Tour: Jefferson 4 th grade (history)		--	
52			
Tues. Aug. 28 Outreach: Adventures in Art	--		2
Wed. Aug. 29			
Thurs. Aug. 30			
Fri. Aug. 31			
Totals for August	129		378
Totals for Summer 2007		482	
1505			
Totals for Summer 2006		566	
1104			
Totals for Summer 2005		523	
951			