

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center**

### **October 18, 2007**

**Present:** Mark Huddleston, Mike Knott, Dave Meloy, Tom Spread and Mary Wildermuth

**Absent:** Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Scott Natvig and Marilyn Wick

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors Speak:** No visitors in attendance

**Minutes:** It was moved by Mary Wildermuth and seconded by Mark Huddleston that the minutes of the September 20, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Mark Huddleston and seconded by Tom Spread to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,289.28 for payment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** Cathy Huff contacted Barb to offer a donation of primarily antique glass from the Kautz family. The gift also included children's furniture and Prairie Press books. The offer was gratefully accepted.

**Building & Grounds:** River's Edge Gallery installed security mounts on all of the smaller pieces of framed art in the mansion.

**Finance & Budget:** The year-end financial summary and the monthly reports were reviewed by Tom Spread. Tom reported that all appeared well.

**Long-Range Planning:** The Library Board selected Pam Collins as the new Library Director.

**Personnel:** Christensen reported on personnel changes.

**Program/Publicity:** The next exhibition in the Stanley Gallery will be "Picture Stories", A Celebration of African American Illustrators, Curated by Sylvia Nissley. The exhibition will run from October 28<sup>th</sup> to December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

John Duggleby is scheduled to present "Story Painter: The Life of Jacob Lawrence" on Sunday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM.

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

**Director's Report:** Report was received for review.

**Unfinished Business:** Representatives from the Cultural Leadership Partners Program under Cultural Affairs for the Iowa Arts Council came to the Art Center on October 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> and met with Board Members, Staff, and Community Stakeholders.

**New Business:** Musca-Bus will run between the Art Center and the “Pearl Button” Museum on November 11<sup>th</sup>.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Mike Knott and seconded by Mark Huddleston to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Knott, Secretary



**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of September 2007**  
**October 18, 2007**

Total number of visitors for September 2007	1,129
Total number of visitors for September 2006	1,088
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007	11,769
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006	11,867

All figures include outreach program participants

**EXHIBITIONS (in the month of September)**

**Through October 14, 2007**

Muscatine History Show

**August 19 - September 21, 2007**

Images of Corn

**EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – October)**

**Opens October 28**

Picture Stories: A Celebration of African American Illustrators

**CLASSES**

**September 19**

*Art for Tots: Playing with Color* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**September 21 & 28**

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

**September 24**

*Spooky Nichos* –taught by Julie Lear

**September 26**

*Art for Tots: Tear and Paste* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**TOURS**

**September 11**

Madison School 4<sup>th</sup> grade

**September 13**

Grant School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class

**September 19**

Jefferson School 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class

**September 20**

Franklin School 4<sup>th</sup> grade class

**September 26**

Central Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes (am & pm groups)

**September 27**

Central Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes (am & pm groups)

## **OTHER**

### **September 6 & 10**

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

### **September 19**

Teams of volunteers from HyVee & the Muscatine High School Transitions class participated in the United Way Day of Caring activities at the Art Center

## **ACQUISITIONS**

- Victorian Doll Set. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Muscatine postcard. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen  
Director

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**KLZ INCORPORATED**

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October 10, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, September 2007

As you can see from the attendance report, September was a busy month for us.

Our fall classes have begun, although there were no Kids' Saturday Workshops scheduled for September. Enrollment has been strong for our preschool art and music classes.

As I have mentioned, Duffy De France has decided she does not wish to continue her Wednesday afternoon "Pet Rock Studio." We have replaced that program with our "School's Out Specials," which will offer activities on days when there is no school. Julie Lear kicked off this new program on Monday, Sept. 24 with "Spooky Nichos," a multicultural project involving miniature skeletons and battery powered tea lights.

Unfortunately, we did not meet our minimum for "Little Miss Manners" again this fall. I plan to give the program one last try with "Little Mr. Manners," which is scheduled for later this fall. If there is poor response for that class we will give things a rest until we come up with a different time or parameters for these classes.

Julie Lear conducted two outreach programs at the Y in September. On Sept. 6 she showed the Teen Leaders how to create denim locker pockets. On Sept. 10 she gave a workshop on "Hardware Bracelets" to the Variety Arts kids. She also began her fall art classes for the Homeschool Attendance students with a class on Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Duffy De France represented the Art Center at the West Liberty Children's Festival on Sept. 22 with a paper hat making activity. She handed out brochures to increase awareness of our program in the West Liberty area.

Julie and I conducted a number of tours this September. Fourth-graders from Madison, Grant and Franklin, 3<sup>rd</sup> graders from Jefferson, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders from Central Middle School all came to the Art Center for tours of the Muscatine History exhibit. Those classes which were able to schedule a little additional time at the end of their tour enjoyed a "bucket brigade" activity in which they passed buckets of "water" to put out a "fire" at the mansion. Thanks to Randy Naber and Carolyn Airola for their help in bringing these school tours to the Art Center.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in September.

In addition to facilitating our fall classes and outreach programs and tours, I am currently working on plans for our winter and spring 2008 semesters, and tour curricula for our sculpture collection and the “African-American Book Illustrators” exhibit.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2007 Fall Attendance Report**

**September 2007**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Sat. Sept. 1	Art Center closed (Labor Day)		
Sun. Sept. 2	Art Center closed (Labor Day)		
	<b>Totals for week:</b>		
Mon. Sept. 3	Art Center closed (Labor Day)		
Tues. Sept. 4	Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Sept. 5			
Thurs. Sept. 6	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--	15
Fri. Sept. 7			
Sat. Sept. 8			
Sun. Sept. 9			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	--	15
Mon. Sept. 10	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	19
Tues. Sept. 11	Tour: Madison 4 <sup>th</sup> grade (History)	--	54
Wed. Sept. 12			
Thurs. Sept. 13	Tour: Grant 4 <sup>th</sup> grade (History)	--	49
Fri. Sept. 14			
Sat Sept. 15			
Sun. Sept. 16			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	--	103

Mon. Sept. 17			
Tues. Sept. 18			
Wed. Sept. 19	Art for Tots: Playing with Colors ID 4046 & 4047	9	18
	Little Miss Manners ID 4086	class cancelled – low enrollment	
	Tour: Jefferson 3 <sup>rd</sup> (History)	--	24
Thurs. Sept. 20	Tour: Franklin 4 <sup>th</sup> (History, Mansion)	--	51
Fri. Sept. 21	Music for Tots, early fall ID 4070 & 4071	42	81
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	85
Sat. Sept. 22	West Liberty Children's Festival (paper bag hats)	--	75
Sun. Sept. 23			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>334</b>
Mon. Sept. 24	School's Out Special: Spooky Nichos ID 4084	6	6
Tues. Sept. 25	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Sept. 26	Art for Tots: Tear & Paste ID 4048 & 4049	17	29
	Little Miss Manners ID 4086	class cancelled – low enrollment	
	Tour: Central Middle School (History)	--	50
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Thurs. Sept. 27	Tour: Central Middle School (History)	--	50
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Fri. Sept. 28	Music for Tots, early fall ID 4070 & 4071	41	76
Sat. Sept. 29			
Sun. Sept. 30			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>311</b>
	<b>Totals for September 2007</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>763</b>
	Totals for September 2006	159	478
	Totals for September 2005	104	781