

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center** **November 15, 2007**

**Present:** Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Dave Meloy, Tom Spread, Mary Wildermuth and Marilyn Wick

**Absent:** Mark Huddleston, and Scott Natvig

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors Speak:** No visitors in attendance

**Minutes:** It was moved by Jan Henderson and seconded by Tom Spread that the minutes of the October 18, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by Mary Wildermuth to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,930.83 for payment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** The Board was able to examine a colored lithograph of the Davenport riverfront that was sent to us on approval from "The Old Print Shop" in New York. The litho was drawn and published by E. P. Gillett of Boston in 1855. The seller reduced the price from \$12,000 to \$10,500 when Barb asked if they had a discount for public institutions. The Collection Committee met but did not bring a recommendation to the board. The committee only decided to ask the seller to send the print on approval.

Mike Knott moved that the print be purchased from Support Foundation funds spread through "Acquisitions", "Conservation", and "Exhibitions". The Support Foundation funds are budgeted for the calendar year which ends soon. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Wick. Motion carried.

**Building & Grounds:** City Parks and Rec will pick up the leaves at the MAC.

**Finance & Budget:** Tom Spread will be given an opportunity to review the MAC's proposed budget when it becomes available.

**Long-Range Planning:** Barb and Eric met with Gary Carlson to discuss the status of the proposed Pearl Pavilion. The project is moving ahead.

**Personnel:** Barb has hired 2 people to work weekends to replace the hours Pat Carver relinquished. The 2 are Nora Pena and Diedree Pearson.

Barb received approximately 130 applications for the Office Coordinator position being vacated by Cindy Carver. Barb has “whittled” the number down to 5 and will be interviewing each of them soon.

A retirement party for Cindy will be held December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Board members will be given more details as the date draws closer.

**Program/Publicity:** The current exhibition in the Stanley Gallery is “Picture Stories”, A Celebration of African American Illustrators, Curated by Sylvia Nissley. The exhibition will run through December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

The exhibition room upstairs in the mansion currently houses “23 Art Experiments” by Dan Rohde.

**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 Tom Spread and seconded by Jan Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Knott, Secretary

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of October 2007**  
**November 15, 2007**

Total number of visitors for October 2007

2,751

Total number of visitors for October 2006

2,431

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007

14,420

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2006

14,278

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**Through October 14, 2007**

Muscatine History Show

**October 28 through December 23, 2007**

Picture Stories: A Celebration of African American Illustrators

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

**October 28 through December 23, 2007**

Picture Stories: A Celebration of African American Illustrators

**November 1 through December 23, 2007**

23 Art Experiments by Dan Rohde

**SPECIAL EVENTS**

**October 28**

John Duggleby program on Jacob Lawrence in conjunction with *Picture Stories*

**CLASSES**

**October 3**

*Art for Tots: Clay Day* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**Oct. 5, 12 & 19**

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

**Oct. 6 & 20**

Fun with Clay: Masks from Mexico – taught by Duffy De France

**October 10**

*Art for Tots: Cut-ups* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**October 13**

*Oil Painting for Kids: Seascapes* taught by Vada Baker

**October 17**

*Art for Tots: Printing Party* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**October 24**

*Art for Tots: Autumn Colors* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**October 25**

*Pumpkin Decorating Extravaganza* – taught by Vada Baker

**October 26**

*Autumn Adventure* – taught by Julie Lear

**October 27**

*Dia de los Muertos: Mr. Skinny Bones* – taught by Julie Lear

**October 31**

*Art for Tots: Happy Halloween* – 2 sessions taught by Julie Herold

**TOURS**

**October 4**

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

**October 9**

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

Scott Community College cont. ed class

Alpha Club

**October 10**

Colorado School students

**October 11**

Homeschool students

**October 23 & 24**

West Middle School students

**OTHER**

**October 1 & 2**

Iowa Cultural Partners representatives met with Staff, Trustees & community leaders

**October 2 & 9**

Adventures in Art classes held in the Stanley Gallery Studio

**October 4, 8**

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y

**October 6**

Japanese Garden rented for wedding

**October 23 & 24**

Lear presented outreach programs at Happy Time Preschool

**October 25**

Lear & Norton presented outreach programs at the public library

**October 4, 5, 11, 12, 18, 26**

Homeschool programs held at the Art Center

**ACQUISITIONS**

- Assorted children's toys (doll surrey, game, puzzle blocks, utensil tray, blocks) purchased from Lyle Drier Antiques. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase
- Teddy Doll purchased from Tom Armitage Antiques. Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen  
Director

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**KLZ INCORPORATED**

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November 1, 2007

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, October 2007

As you can see from the attached Attendance Report, October has been one of the busiest months we have experienced in some time. Combined with the current staffing challenges at the Art Center, this fact gave a whole new meaning to the phrase, "May you live in interesting times." The drop in paid enrollment over Oct. 2006 is accounted for by the facts that attendance is down in Julie Herold's Art for Tots classes and that Pet Rock Studio has been discontinued.

Our Saturday Kids' workshops began in October. On Oct. 6 & 20 Duffy De France conducted a clay workshop in which the students learned about Mexican clay wall masks and created one of their own. Our thanks to Mary Alice Sessler for her help with this workshop. Vada Baker taught one of her oil painting work shops on Oct. 13. The children learned about blending colors on the canvas as they created colorful seascapes. Julie Lear wrapped up our October kids' workshops with "Mr. Skinny Bones," in which the students created giant skeletons out of PVC pipe and fittings to decorate their yards for Halloween.

Our October "School's Out Special" was a workshop in which the students created Jack-o-lanterns using edible decorations.

Vada Baker taught a Victorian pumpkin decorating workshop for adults on Thurs. Oct. 25.

Although enrollment in our preschool classes remains strong, we have noticed some reduction in attendance in Julie Herold's Art for Tots program this fall.

Julie Lear conducted three outreach programs at the Y in October. The Teen Leaders made beaded skeleton pins, the Variety Arts group created milk bottle skeletons, and the High school kids cast concrete stepping stones. Julie also went to Happy Time Preschool and presented five programs as the "Music Lady." Julie also represented the Art Center at the Musser Library's Halloween Story Time with our rendition of "The Little Old Lady who wasn't afraid of Anything" and her four-verse version of the "Itsy Bitsy Spider." Homeschool Assistance art classes continued in October, with workshops on Chinese Peasant Painting and Italian Majolica tiles. I am subbing for Andy Tabor, who is on leave while he recovers from his surgery. The Art Center also hosted the Homeschool Assistance students in their science enrichment program in October.

Julie and I conducted tours of the History Exhibit for McKinley, Washington & Colorado 4<sup>th</sup> graders & Homeschool Assistance students in October. In addition to the history tours, students from West Middle School participated in tours featuring the Art Center's sculpture collection. Linda Kelty is planning to make these tours a part of her regular curriculum, to be repeated in the spring semester.

On October 9 I conducted a tour of the mansion for the Alpha Club a combination tour of the mansion and the history exhibit for Scott Community College Continuing Education.

On Sunday Oct. 28 Julie hosted author John Duggleby's program on African American artist Jacob Lawrence in conjunction with the African-American Book Illustrators exhibit in the Stanley Gallery. Mr. Duggleby's program, based on his book "Story Painter," was followed by a book-signing and reception.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in October.

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 a tour curriculum for the "African-American Book Illustrators" exhibit.

I want to especially commend Julie Lear, who held things together for us in the education department this month while I was sick with this stupid, stupid virus!

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

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

**October 2007**

Date	Event	Students enrolled	Attendance
Mon. Oct. 1			
Tues. Oct. 2	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Oct. 3	Art for Tots: Clay Day ID 4050 & 4051	15	26
	Little Miss Manners ID 4068	class cancelled – low enrollment	
Thurs. Oct. 4	Red Barn Studio: Pyramid Pop-up Card ID 4088	class cancelled – low enrollment	
	Tour: McKinley 4 <sup>th</sup> (history)	--	46
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--	43
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders (beaded skeleton pins)	--	9
Fri. Oct. 5	Music for Tots, early fall ID 4070 & 4071	41	67
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	75
Sat. Oct. 6	Kids Workshop: Fun with Clay ID 4076	6	7
Sun. Oct. 7			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>275</b>
Mon. Oct. 8	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (milk bottle skeletons)	--	14
	Outreach: Y High School Kids (stepping stones)	--	4
Tues. Oct. 9	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
	Tour: Washington 4 <sup>th</sup> (history)	--	65
	Tour: Alpha Club (mansion)	--	8
	Tour: Scott Community College cont. ed. (mansion & history)	--	20
Wed. Oct. 10	Art for Tots: Cut-ups ID 4052 & 4053	16	30
	Little Miss Manners ID 4086	class cancelled – low enrollment	

Thurs. Oct. 11	Tour: Colorado 4 <sup>th</sup> (History)	--	45
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--	56
	Tours: Homeschool Assistance	--	24
Fri. Oct. 12	Music for Tots, early fall ID 4070 & 4071	42	69
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	73
Sat. Oct. 13	Kids Workshop: Oil Painting for Kids ID 4077	16	18
Sun. Oct. 14			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>426</b>
Mon. Oct. 15			
Tues. Oct. 16	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Oct. 17	Art for Tots: Printing Party ID 4054 & 4055	13	24
	Little Miss Manners ID 4086	class cancelled – low enrollment moved to Oct. 25	
Thurs. Oct. 18	Red Barn Studio: Pumpkin Decorating		
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--	45
Fri. Oct. 19	Music for Tots, early fall ID 4070 & 4071	41	69
Sat. Oct. 20	Kids Workshop: Fun with Clay ID 4076	7	6
Sun. Oct. 21			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>146</b>
Mon. Oct. 22			
Tues. Oct. 23	Outreach: Happy Time Preschool (am only)	--	52
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
	Tour: West Middle School (sculpture)	--	47
Wed. Oct. 24	Art for Tots: Autumn Colors ID 4056 & 4057	14	28
	Outreach: Happy Time Preschool (am & pm)	--	72
	Tour: West Middle School (sculpture)	--	52
Thurs. Oct. 25	Red Barn Studio: Pumpkin Decorating	6	7
	Outreach: Story Time at Musser Library	--	52
Fri. Oct. 26	Family Days: Autumn Adventure ID 4074 & 4075	13	23
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	57
Sat. Oct. 27	Kids Workshop: Mr. Skinny Bones ID 4078	15	22
Sun. Oct. 28	Outreach: John Dugglesby: Jacob Lawrence program	--	42
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>456</b>
Mon. Oct. 29	School's Out Special: Pumpkin Decorating ID 4085	5	5
Tues. Oct. 30	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Oct. 31	Art for Tots: Happy Halloween ID 4058 & 4059	14	26
	Outreach: Halloween at the Mansion	--	462
	<b>Totals for week (October)</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>493</b>
	<b>Totals for October 2007:</b>	<b>264</b>	<b>1796</b>
	Totals for October 2006	308	1518
	Totals for October 2005	234	1267