

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

February 21, 2008

Present: Mark Huddleston, Mike Knott, Dave Meloy, Scott Natvig, and Tom Spread

Absent: Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Marilyn Wick, and Mary Wildermuth

Staff: Barb Christensen

Visitors Speak: No visitors in attendance

Minutes: It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Mark Huddleston that the minutes of the January 17, 2007 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Dave Meloy to approve the monthly bills totaling \$3,337.34 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: No Report. \$8,000 approved by the Support Foundation for acquisition.

Building & Grounds: No Report

Finance & Budget: City Council only passed 1/3 of the emergency levy at their Budget Meeting. This may affect some budgets but cuts were primarily for equipment.

\$71,000 budget request was approved by the Support Foundation.

Long-Range Planning: The two Long-Range Planning Committees from the MAC and the library met on January 24. Some progress was made on preparation of presentation. Another meeting was scheduled for March 6th.

Personnel: No Report

Program/Publicity: Barb has been working on PROJECT InSECT. \$22,000 of the required \$30,000 has been raised and application has been made to the Carver Trust for additional funding. Details on the project can be found at www.projectinsect.com

The Ice Cream Social has been scheduled for June 29th.

American Glass from the MAC's permanent collection will be on display Sunday, March 2 through Sunday, April 20, 2008. The exhibition will include glass from three gifted collections including John W. Conner, Mary Elda Kautz and Roy & Pat Carver. (A Press Release with details on the exhibition was subsequently issued on February 26th.)

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

Director's Report: Report was received for review.

Unfinished Business: The Board passed a motion to establish new hours for the facility to be effective March 1, 2008. The motion was made by Dave Meloy and seconded by Tom Spread. The new hours affect Thursdays only. The MAC will be open on Thursdays from 10:00 AM until 7:00 PM. The Board will now meet each month at 5:30 PM effective March 20th. (A Press Release with details on the new hours was subsequently issued on February 22nd.)

New Business: Lorraine Stevens, a founding supporter of the MAC, passed away. Barb will have flowers sent to the family on the MAC's behalf.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of February 2008
March 20, 2008

Total number of visitors for February 2008

1305

Total number of visitors for February 2007

1258

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

1925

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007

1838

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of February)

Through February 24, 2008

The Power of Music: Photographic Portraits of Americans and their Musical Instruments, 1860-1915

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – March)

Through April 20, 2008

American Art Glass, Collection of John W. Conner, Mary Lou Conner, Wilma Conner

Iowa City Glass: Gift of Roy J. and Patricia Carver

American Glass; Gift of Mary Elda Kautz Estate

Muscatine Middle Schools and Muscatine High School Exhibition

CLASSES

February 1,8,15

Music for Tots– taught by Julie Lear

February 2

Kids Workshop: Chinese New Year Celebration – taught by Julie Lear

February 9

Kids Workshop: Valentine's Day Special - – taught by Julie Lear

February 13

Art for Tots: Love Bugs –two sessions taught by Julie Herold

February 16

Kids Workshop: Visual Jazz (Romare Bearden) - taught by Jeanna Gerot

February 20

Art for Tots: Penguins and Polar Bears –two sessions taught by Julie Herold

February 21

One-Stroke Winter Landscape - taught by Vada Baker

February 23

Kids Workshop: Fun with Clay – Just Face It - taught by Jeanna Gerot

February 26

Adventures in Art -

February 27

Art for Tots: Glorious Glue –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

February 29

Family Days; February Frolic –two Sessions taught by Julie Lear

OTHER

February 4

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y to Variety Arts and High School Kids

February 4

Lear Presented Musical Baby Lapsit at the Musser Public Library

February 7

Lear presented an outreach program to Y Teen Leaders at the Y

February 7

Homeschool - Calligraphy held at the Art Center

February 7

Fyffe Family and Friend – Musser Mansion Music Room

February 14

Musical Hammers - Musser Mansion Music Room

February 21

MHS Jazz Ensemble - Musser Mansion Music Room

February 28

Homeschool - Origami held at the Art Center

February 29

Lear presented an outreach program – Panoramic Sugar Eggs to Hodgepodge Kids

ACQUISITIONS

- Victorian Shoe Stand and Painted Child's Chair - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

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March 3, 2008

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, February 2008

The winter semester is complete. Compared with Winter 2007, our class enrollment is down. That is because this year our Winter semester was one week shorter than in 2007. Also, we did not offer the Cabin Fever program and only held one Red Barn Studio workshop. I think the winter weather had somewhat of an impact on attendance, particularly in our tots classes. We had one snow cancellation in February but were able to re-schedule the class for later in the month. The drop in outreach attendance is accounted for by the fact that there were a few less tours this year, and that Julie Herold did not offer her MCC Muscatine Honors workshop this winter.

There were four Saturday Kids' Workshops in February. On Feb. 2 Julie Lear conducted our traditional Chinese New Year's Celebration. The students created lanterns in celebration of the Year of the Rat and afterwards took part in a Chinese tea party and learned about Nian, the people-eating monster. On Feb. 9 Julie showed the students how to create a heart-shaped candy box and dip chocolates in a Valentine's Day workshop. On Feb. 16, to celebrate Black History month, Jeanna Gerot taught a collage workshop where students learned about African-American artist Romare Bearden. We wrapped up the month with a clay workshop in which Jeanna taught students the proportions of the human face as they created portraits in Model Magic.

Julie Lear taught a "Family Days" workshop on Feb. 29. These programs are designed for parents with more than one pre-school child and are a combination of music and art projects. The students had a great time creating printed and collaged snowmen and igloos made from sugar cubes.

There was one Red Barn Studio class in February. Vada Baker taught an acrylic workshop in winter landscape painting using the one-stroke painting technique.

Julie Lear taught a Valentine workshop using the iris-folding technique to the Y Variety Arts and Y High School groups on Feb. 4. On Feb. 7 she showed the Y Teen Leaders how to create an "Old Man Winter" sculpture using shaving cream and Elmer's Glue, among other things.

Julie Lear also went to the Musser Library for a Musical Baby Lap Sit program on Feb. 4th. On Feb. 29 taught the Hodgepodge Kids how to create edible panoramic sugar eggs.

The Art Center hosted two Home School Enrichment workshops in February. On Feb. 7 they held a workshop on calligraphy, and on Feb. 28 they learned how to do origami.

There were no tours scheduled in February.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in February.

Our spring brochure has been distributed and we are currently taking enrollments for the spring semester. In addition to supporting our spring program I am working on our summer program and brochure, including a special Project InSECT summer art camp.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department
2008 Winter Attendance Report**

February 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>
<u>Attendance</u>		
Fri. 2-1 41	Music for Tots ID 5006 & 5007	28
Sat. 2-2 13	Chinese New Year Celebration ID 5012	13
Sun. 2-3		
Totals for week (Feb)		41
54		
Mon. 2-4 31	Outreach: Baby Lap Sit (Julie L.)	--
9	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (Iris Fold Valentines)	--

	Outreach: Y High School Kids (Iris Fold Valentines)	--	--
7			
Tues. 2-5	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. 2-6	Art for Tots: Glorious Glue ID 5000 & 5001		cancelled -
snow			
Thurs. 2-7	Outreach: Homeschool Calligraphy 1:00-3:00	--	
16			
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders: Old Man Winter	--	
11			
Fri. 2-8	Music for Tots ID 5006 & 5007		29
45			
Sat. 2-9	Valentine's Day Special ID 5013		15
18			
Sun. 2-10			
	Totals for week:	44	
	137		
Mon. 2-11			
Tues. 2-12	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. 2-13	Art for Tots: Love Bugs ID 5002 & 5003		14
26			
Thurs. 2-14			
Fri. 2-15	Music for Tots ID 5006 & 5007		30
52			
Sat. 2-16	Visual Jazz (Romare Bearden) ID 5014		11
9			
Sun. 2-17			
	Totals for week:	55	
	87		
Mon. 2-18			
Tues. 2-19	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. 2-20	Art for Tots: Penguins & Polar Bears ID 5004 & 5005		13
24			
Thurs. 2-21	Red Barn Studio: One-stroke Winter Landscape ID 5018		6
6			
Fri. 2-22			
Sat. 2-23	Fun With Clay: Just Face It ID 5015		12
14			
Sun. 2-24			
	Totals for week:	31	
	44		
Mon. 2-25			
Tues. 2-26	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2

Wed. 2-27 16	Art for Tots: Glorious Glue (make up) ID 5000 & 5001	10
Thurs. 2-28 27	Outreach: Homeschool Origami	--
Fri. 2-29 36	Family Days: February Frolic	18
10	Outreach: Hodgepodge Kids – sugar eggs (Julie L.)	--
Totals for week (Feb.) 91		28
Totals for February 2008 413		199
Totals for Winter 2008 813		321
Totals for Winter 2007 879		425
Totals for Winter 2006 1106		414