

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

AUGUST 21, 2008

Present: Mike Knott, Tom Spread, Eric Knoernschild, Mark Huddleston, and Caren Luke.

Absent: Scott Natvig, Jan Henderson, Becky Wichers and Dave Meloy.

Acting Officers: In the absence of the President and Vice President, Tom Spread was Acting President. In the absence of the Secretary at the beginning of the meeting, Eric Knoernschild was Acting Secretary.

Visitors Speak: There were no visitors.

Minutes: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mike Knott that the minutes of the July 17, 2008, Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Mark Huddleston and seconded by Caren Luke to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,365.35. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Barb Christensen reported the purchase of a child's footstool. Other acquisitions were detailed in her report.

Building & Grounds: Mark Huddleston reported that the staff was working on the ponds in the Japanese garden. The ponds will be painted and sealed. New carpeting has been installed in the hallway and office. New oriental bridges were ordered.

Finance & Budget: Tom Spread reported the City had not provided the financial report. It will be reviewed at next month's meeting. It was noted that one-half of the Support Foundation budget has been spent.

Long-Range Planning: Eric Knoernschild reported a meeting will be scheduled in the near future. The summer has made it difficult to coordinate a meeting.

Personnel: Caren Luke was introduced as a new Trustee.

Program/Publicity: No report.

Education Coordinator's Report: The written report was reviewed.

Director's Report: The written report was reviewed and discussed.

Unfinished Business: The Art Center has received an Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs Grant providing \$3,840 a year for three years.

New Business: None.

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

Respectfully submitted,
Eric Knoernschild, Acting Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of August 2008
September 18, 2008

Total number of visitors for August 2008

915

Total number of visitors for August 2007

990

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

16688

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007

11769

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of August)

Beginning July 20, 2008

The Musser Mansion at 100 - 1908-2008

Mc Colm Dry Goods Store

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – September)

Through October 19, 2008

The Musser Mansion at 100 - 1908-2008

CLASSES

August 6

Music for Tots –taught by Julie Lear

August 6

Kids: Garden Sculpture– taught by Duffy DeFrance

August 7

Summer Studio: Pond with Lily Pads – taught by Vada Baker

August 13

Kids: Oil Painting – taught by Vada Baker

August 14

Family Days: Old Fashioned Picnic –taught by Julie Lear

August 15

Family Days: Old Fashioned Picnic –taught by Julie Lear

Family Days: Nature Curio Dome –taught by Vada Baker

August 21

Red Barn Studio: Garden Welcome Slate – taught by Vada Baker

TOURS

August 5

Field Trip: Birdseye View at the Courthouse

OTHER

August 4

Lear presented outreach programs to Y Variety Arts

August 7

Lear presented outreach programs to Y Teen Leaders

August 13

Lear presented outreach programs the Y: Hodge Podge

August 13

Teacher Orientation presented by Art Center Staff

ACQUISITIONS

- *OURO PRESTO III*, Mixed media on canvas, painting by Karl Zerbe, - gift of Maria Norton
- Upholstered Doll Foot Stool – Purchase of Support Foundation

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

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Sept. 10, 2008

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, August 2008

Our summer program has ended, and over-all it was a success. While overall enrollment was good, some programs did have their difficulties, particularly the teen and adult programs. Reducing the number of field trips to two this summer (one per month) worked well. Both field trips met their minimum enrollment. I think we should continue to offer teen and adult classes and will try to come up with new ways to promote them. As you can see from the numbers below, our class enrollment remains pretty constant. The increase in outreach numbers is due mostly to the additional Project Insect tours and the very successful Ice Cream Social this summer.

Our Wednesday Kids' Workshops in August were Duffy De France's "Garden Sculpture" on Aug. 6 and Vada Baker's "Oil Painting for Kids: Monet's Water Lilies" on August 13. Both workshops were well attended and a lot of fun. Our August Family Days theme was "An Old Fashioned Picnic." The little ones, led by Julie Lear, created place mats complete with ants, a watermelon fan and a bumblebee flower holder. Vada Baker helped the older kids create Victorian "Curiosity Domes" complete with insect specimens. Amy Kling and Julie Lear took a field trip to the Muscatine County Courthouse, where they went all the way to the top of the tower and sketched. Our thanks to Leslie Soule from the courthouse and to Muscabus for providing our transportation. Vada Baker instructed students in creating an acrylic painting of a pond with water lilies on Aug. 7. Our last adult painting class of the summer met on Aug. 21. Students created a garden welcome slate using the one-stroke painting style.

On Aug. 4 Julie Lear and the Y Variety Arts group created paper sculptures inspired by the futurist artist Giacomo Balla, and on Aug. 7 she led the Y Teen Leader group in a potter's clay workshop. She repeated her sand clay workshop for the Hodgepodge kids on Aug. 13.

There were no formal tours scheduled in August.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in August.

Our fall brochure is out and we are taking enrollments. I am currently working on support of our fall classes and planning our winter semesters. Julie and I are preparing for Halloween at the Mansion and the “Sunday with Santa” event at the Festival of Wreaths. I am still working on re-writing the room descriptions for the mansion.

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

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

August 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>
<u>Attendance</u>		
Fri. Aug. 1	Teen workshop: Bigger than Life ID 5096	class cancelled – low
enrollment		
Sat. Aug. 2		
Sun. Aug. 3		
Totals for week: (August)		
Mon. Aug. 4	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (paper sculptures)	--
13		
Tues. Aug. 5	Field Trip: Birdseye View at the Courthouse ID 5091	5
7		
Wed. Aug. 6	Music for Tots ID 5068 & 5069	34
53		

	Kids: Garden Sculpture ID 5088	11	
10			
Thurs. Aug. 7	Summer Studio: Pond with Lily Pads ID 5094	5	
5			
	Red Barn Studio: Terracotta Birdbath ID 5099	cancelled –	
low enrollment			
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders ()	--	
11			
Fri. Aug. 8	Teen Workshop: Bigger than Life ID 5096	cancelled –	
low enrollment			
Sat. Aug. 9			
Sun. Aug. 10			
	Totals for week:	55	
99			
Mon. Aug. 11			
Tues. Aug. 12	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Aug. 13	Kids: Oil Painting: Monet's Water Lilies ID 5089	12	
14			
	Outreach: New Teachers' Orientation	--	
45			
	Outreach: Hodgepodge	--	
13			
Thurs. Aug. 14	Family Days: Old Fashioned Picnic ID 5065	10	
14			
Fri. Aug. 15	Family Days: Old Fashioned Picnic ID 5066	9	
16			
	Family Days: Nature Curio Dome ID 5067	8	
8			
Sat. Aug. 16			
Sun. Aug. 17			
	Totals for week:	39	
65			
Mon. Aug. 18			
Tues. Aug. 19	Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Aug. 20			
Thurs. Aug. 21	Summer Studio: Painting Insects ID 5095		
	cancelled – low enrollment		
	Red Barn Studio: Garden Welcome Slate ID 5100	7	
6			
Fri. Aug. 22			
Sat. Aug. 23			
Sun. Aug. 24			
	Totals for week:	7	
71			
Mon. Aug. 25			
Tues. Aug. 26			

Wed. Aug. 27
Thurs. Aug. 28
Fri. Aug. 29
Sat. Aug. 30
Sun. Aug. 31

Totals for August 2008:
215

101

Totals for Summer 2008 Semester:

523

1855

Totals for Summer 2007 Semester:

482

1505

Totals for Summer 2006 Semester:

566

1104

