

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

### **April 16, 2009**

**Present:** Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Mike Knott, Caren Luke, Scott Natvig, and Tom Spread

**Absent:** Eric Knoernschild, Dave Meloy, and Becky Wichers

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors Speak:** Dan Clark & Mike Maharry.

Dan stated that they were at day 56 of the 180 day "allowance". He had asked the Commission if there was a motion to quit pursuing plans to save the Jayne house. Their Board indicated that they wanted to continue to pursue saving the house.

Mike mentioned that he had a similar position with a preservation commission in Iowa City. Mike asked if we could summarize the MAC's plan for the Jayne lot. Barb and Scott explained the MAC's general plan for the property.

Dan mentioned that there is another house mover (Patterson) in Washington, Iowa whom they have contacted to assess moving the house. They would like him to look over the house and property and combine his visit with a presentation on house moving.

Dan & Mike asked for our reaction to moving the house down to the back of the lot. Mike Huddleston responded by telling them the MAC's Building and Grounds Committee will meet to discuss this proposal.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Mark Huddleston that the minutes of the March 19, 2009 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Caren Luke to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,405.07 for payment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** The Committee viewed several stacks of old sheet music that Virginia Cooper would like to deaccession from the MAC's collection. The Committee recommended to the full Board that we follow Virginia's advice and formally remove these from the Art Center's collection. There were several pieces that Virginia proposed we retain because they were related to Muscatine

or the vicinity. It was moved by Mike Knott and seconded by Tom Spread that the deaccession proceed. Motion carried.

**Building & Grounds:** The damaged floor tiles in the entryway were replaced. The double pane window in the entryway also needs to be replaced. Building and Grounds is looking into this.. The chimney on the Carriage House was repaired. A group of volunteers from the Stanley Group are coming on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> to help clean up the grounds.

**Finance & Budget:** No Financial Reports were available for review. Barb is relatively certain that the MAC will be receiving \$14,000 from the Iowa Department of Cultural Affairs, as a Cultural Leadership Partner.

**Long-Range Planning:** No report.

**Personnel:** No report.

**Program/Publicity:** The Mosaic Project ends on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> when sale of the canvases will occur. This is a project in partnership with the Muscatine Arts Council.

Two performances by the Eulenspiegel Puppets will be held on May 5<sup>th</sup>, one at the Art Center and one for Jefferson in the Central Auditorium.

Leadership Muscatine is meeting in the Art Center this evening for their annual graduation ceremony.

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

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

**Unfinished Business:** Discussion on the "conversion" of the Sarah Eaker Hughes bedroom was deferred. One display case has been donated.

The Muscatine Chamber of Commerce presented a certificate to Barb for the MAC's 10 year membership in the organization.

**New Business:** At least 2 new Board members need to be selected before June. Several individuals were discussed.

**Adjourn:** Jan Henderson moved that the meeting adjourn and Tom Spread seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of April 2009**  
**May 22, 2009**

Total number of visitors for April 2009

2270

Total number of visitors for April 2008

2653

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009

6318

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

6131

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**March 15 Through April 19, 2009**

*Muscatine Elementary School show as part of the Muscatine Mosaic Project*

*Muscatine Mosaic Project*

*Red Cross Exhibit*

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

**April 26 Through June 21, 2009**

*Las Artes de Mexico*

**CLASSES**

**April 1**

*Art for Tots: April Fool* –taught by Julie Herold

**April 3, 10, 24**

*Music for Tots* –two sessions taught by Julie Lear

**April 8**

*Art for Tots: Bunnies and Ducks* –taught by Julie Herold

**April 11**

*Kid's Workshop: Victorian Egg Tree* – taught by Julie Lear

**April 15**

*Art for Tots: Clay Play* –taught by Julie Herold

**April 18**

*Kid's Workshop: Oil Painting* – taught by Vada Baker

**April 22**

*Art for Tots: We Love Earth Day* –taught by Julie Herold

**April 25**

*Kid's Workshop: Ornamental Whirlygig* – taught by Julie Lear

**April 29**

*Art for Tots: Glorious Glue* –taught by Julie Herold

**April 30**

*Red Barn Studio: Rock Sculpture* – taught by Vada Baker

## **TOURS**

**April 2**

Tour Jefferson School Third Grade – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 7**

Tour Jefferson School Fourth Grade – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 9**

Jefferson School Third Grade – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 14**

Jefferson School Fifth Grade – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 17**

Colorado School – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 18**

Ladies church group – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 24**

Jefferson School Third Grade – Muscatine Mosaic Project

**April 2**

Goodwill Family Tour – Muscatine Mosaic Project

## **OTHER**

**April 2**

Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment: Junkbox Wars - taught by Julie Lear

Outreach: Y teen leaders Celtic Illumination - taught by Julie Lear

**April 3**

Outreach: Homeschool assistance art taught by Julie Lear

**April 4**

YPN at the Y – Twirly Bunnies - taught by Julie Lear

**April 6**

Outreach: Y Variety Arts, Hanging Heart Frames - taught by Julie Lear

**April 7**

Outreach: Homeschool Peeps Decorating Contest

**April 9**

Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment: Junkbox Wars - taught by Julie Lear

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center Board Meeting

**April 14**

Outreach: Happy Time Preschool taught by Julie Lear

**April 15**

Outreach: Happy Time Preschool taught by Julie Lear

Outreach: Baby Lapsit art taught by Julie Lear

**April 16**

Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment: Junkbox Wars - taught by Julie Lear

Leadership Muscatine Awards Dinner and last class

Art Center Board of Trustees Meeting

**April 18**

Healthy Kids Day at the Y – Veggie Warriors - taught by Julie Lear

**April 19**

Muscatine Mosaic Project Artists Reception

**April 24**

Outreach: Homeschool assistance art taught by Julie Lear

**April 26**

Jean Mengel Recital in Music Room

**April 27**

Outreach: Hodgepodge Kids: Candy Boxes - taught by Julie Lear

Jon Fasenelli-Cawelti MCC Art Appreciation Students

**April 28**

Outreach: DSCI art class taught by Vada Baker

**ACQUISITIONS**

None

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen

Director

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**KLZ INCORPORATED**

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May 6, 2009

To: Barb  
From: Maria  
Re: Education Coordinator's Report, April 2009

The spring semester is about half over. Excluding "Family Fun Days," we have already met our minimum enrollment in all but a few of our classes. We are trying to reschedule the two programs that were cancelled due to illness for May. However, the trend of decreasing paid class enrollments and increasing attendance of outreach events continues. Red Barn Studio is now offered every other week instead of every week, and Pet Rock Studio has been replaced by a once/semester School's Out Special. Also, from speaking to parents, I know that the economy is taking its toll on class enrollments. You will notice quite an increase in over-all attendance for April. As you will see below, this was accounted for by the larger-than-usual number of outreach programs scheduled.

What with the increase in preschool programs in the community, our Art for Tots classes continue to experience low enrollment. We have changed the format to allow for the presence of siblings and will only be offering one Art for Tots class per week in the fall. Family Fun Days, requested by parents of multiples, has not proven to be successful and will be discontinued in the fall semester. Music for Tots enrollment is also down for the late spring program. I plan to send Julie to the library for Baby Lap Sit at the beginning of each session of Music for Tots to promote her program and try to increase enrollment.

We held three Saturday Kids' Workshops in April. Julie Lear helped students create Victorian-style egg trees on April 11, Vada Baker conducted an oil painting workshop "Painting Animals" on April 18, and Julie Lear celebrated Earth Day with a recycled "Ornamental Whirligig" for the garden on April 25. One kids' workshop, "Cubist Animals," was cancelled due to low enrollment.

There were three Red Barn Studio classes scheduled for April. "Mixed Emulsions: Photographic Imagery" was postponed due to instructor illness and "Artist's Journal and Bookmark" was cancelled due to low enrollment. "Rock Sculpture" met its minimum enrollment. I will work on finding new ways to promote these programs.

Julie Lear taught a workshop on Celtic Illuminations Y Teen Leaders on April 2 and a workshop on hanging heart frames for the Y Variety Arts Group on April 6. On April 27 the Hodgepodge Kids created Victorian candy boxes and dipped chocolates. On March 16 Julie went to the library for a "Music for Tots" program for Baby Lap Sit. The Muscatine Community School District's Homeschool Assistance Program continued their spring art classes, taught by Julie Lear. This semester's theme is "The Other Side of Georgia O'Keeffe," which features projects which do NOT involve her giant flowers. HSAP's "Junkbox Wars" enrichment classes wrapped up in April with a giant marble

slide in the studio. They also held a “Peeps Decorating Contest” in the studio on April 7. On April 13 and 14 Julie presented “Music for Tots” programs at Happy Time Preschool, and on April 14 she took her “Music for Tots” program to Baby Lap Sit at the library. On April 4 we participated in the YPN Easter Program at the Y with a “Twirly Bunny” activity, and on April 18 we took part in the Y Healthy Kids’ Day with a “Vegetable Warrior” Indian-style headband.

Members of the Senior Program of the Diversity Service Center of Iowa came to the Art Center for a “Painted Rock” workshop and a tour of “Las Artes de Mexico.” Generously funded by a grant from the Community Foundation, students will become familiar with the Art Center’s collection through a series of tours and create fun art projects taught by Vada Baker.

There were eight tours scheduled for April. Elementary students from Jefferson and Colorado came to view their artwork during Project Mosaic and there were two mansion tours.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in April.

In addition to supporting the spring program I am working on our summer and fall class schedules. The summer brochure has been printed and is being distributed this week. I have created a tour curriculum for Las Artes de Mexico for elementary students. The scavenger hunt activity in the mansion which introduces kids and their parents to the artifacts on display there continues to be a popular activity both with the kids and the parents.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2009 Spring Attendance Report**

**April 2009**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Wed. Apr. 1	Art for Tots: April Fool ID 5183	6	11
	<i>Family Fun Time: Can't Fool Me ID 5192</i>	<i>cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
Thurs. Apr. 2	<i>Red Barn Studio: Mixed Emulsion Techniques ID 5213</i>	<i>cancelled – instructor ill</i>	
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment – Junkbox Wars	--	35
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders (Celtic Illuminations)	--	7
	Tour: Project Mosaic – Jefferson 3 <sup>rd</sup>	--	43
Fri. Apr. 3	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5199 & 5200	29	48
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Art	--	73
Sat. Apr. 4	<i>Kids Workshop: Cubist Animals ID 5206</i>	<i>class cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
	Outreach: YPN at the Y (Twirly Bunnies) – Julie L.	--	195
Sun. Apr. 5			
	<b>Totals for week (Apr.)</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>412</b>
Mon. Apr. 6	Outreach: Y Variety Arts: Hanging Heart Frames	--	12
Tues. Apr. 7	Outreach: Homeschool Peeps Decorating Contest	--	39
	Tour: Project Mosaic – Jefferson 4 <sup>th</sup>	--	64
Wed. Apr. 8	Art for Tots: Bunnies & Ducks ID 5184	11	22
	<i>Family Fun Time: Barnyard Babies ID 5193</i>	<i>class cancelled – low enrollment</i>	

Thurs. Apr. 9	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment – Junkbox Wars	–	31
	Tour: Project Mosaic – Jefferson 3 <sup>rd</sup>	--	23
Fri. Apr. 10	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5199 & 5200	29	42
Sat Apr. 11	Kids Workshop: Victorian Egg Tree ID 5207	13	14
Sun. Apr. 12			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>247</b>
Mon. Apr. 13			
Tues. Apr. 14	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
	Outreach: Happy Time Preschool	--	46
	Tour: Project Mosaic – Jefferson 5 <sup>th</sup>	--	47
Wed. Apr. 15	Art for Tots: Clay Play ID 5185	11	17
	<i>Family Fun Time: Clay Day ID 5194</i>	<i>class cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
	Outreach: Happy Time Preschool	--	59
	Outreach: Baby Lap Sit	--	8
Thurs. Apr. 16	<i>Red Barn Studio: Artist's Journal ID 5214</i>	<i>class cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment – Junk box Wars	--	20
Fri. Apr. 17	Tour: Project Mosaic: Colorado (50)	--	54
Sat. Apr. 18	Oil Painting for Kids ID 5208	9	8
	Outreach: Y Healthy Kids Day: Veggie Warriors	--	108
	Tour: Jan Henderson's Church Ladies	--	11
Sun. Apr. 19			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>378</b>
Mon. Apr. 20			
Tues. Apr. 21	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Apr. 22	Art for Tots: We Love Earth Day ID 5186	7	12
	<i>Family Fun Time: Earth Day Special ID 5195</i>	<i>class cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
Thurs. Apr. 23			
Fri. Apr. 24	Music for Tots: Late Spring ID 5201 & 5202	18	40
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Art	--	67
	Tour: Goodwill Family Tour	--	8
Sat. Apr. 25	Kids Workshop: Ornamental Whirligig ID 5209	12	10
Sun. Apr. 26			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>137</b>
Mon. Apr. 27	Outreach: Hodgepodge Kids – candy boxes	--	16
Tues. Apr. 28	Outreach: DSCI Art Class	--	13
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Apr. 29	Art for Tots: Glorious Glue ID 5187	8	11
	<i>Family Fun Time: Sticky Stuff ID 5196</i>	<i>cancelled – low enrollment</i>	
Thurs. Apr. 30	Red Barn Studio: Rock Sculpture ID 5215	5	5
	<i>Tour: Art of Mexico – MHS (Rita Glaw)</i>	<i>cancelled - illness</i>	
	<b>Totals for week (Apr.)</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>42</b>
	<b>Totals for April 2009:</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>1216</b>
	Totals for April 2008	235	852
	Totals for April 2007	212	853