

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center **February 19, 2009**

Present: Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Mike Knott, Caren Luke, Dave Meloy, Scott Natvig, and Becky Wichers

Absent: Eric Knoernschild, and Tom Spread

Staff: Barb Christensen

Visitors Speak: Dan Clark summarized some of the Historical Preservation member's reactions to the Building & Ground Committee's recommendations for the Jayne house. There was apparently some disappointment that there was no mention of an option to sub-divide the lot and leave the house on its own lot.

Minutes: It was moved by Jan Henderson and seconded by Mark Huddleston that the minutes of the January 14, 2009 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Mark Huddleston and seconded by Becky Wichers to approve the monthly bills totaling \$1,994.98 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: The Support Foundation investments have taken a "hit" because of the market. Consequently the budgeted funds for the MAC have been reduced and no funds for acquisition are included in the budget for this year.

Building & Grounds: The Jayne house was discussed. The B&G Committee presented its recommendations to the Board on the MAC's plan for the property.

A lengthy discussion ensued and ultimately a motion was made by Mark Huddleston and seconded by Dave Meloy to approve the recommendation. Motion carried.

It was agreed that the list of recommended options would need to be reviewed by the City Attorney and appropriate insurance coverage would have to be in place before any of the options were initiated.

Theoretically the 180 days to accept the offer and raise funds to move the house begins as of the date of this meeting (February 19, 2009).

Finance & Budget: The Board reviewed the Financial Reports.

The Board discussed the City's decision to reduce the MAC's budget by \$25,000. Barb is working on alternative plans for absorbing this loss.

Six Trustees attended the January 31st Council budget hearing. Several Trustees offered arguments to the Council on why any reduction in the MAC's budget would be very detrimental to the facility. The Trustees were interviewed as a group by the Muscatine Journal after the MAC's portion of the hearing.

Long-Range Planning: No report. Barb continues her working relationship with the library.

Personnel: It is time for Barb's annual review. Scott has received review forms from the Trustees but a review of the results was deferred until the March meeting.

Program/Publicity: The Kosovo show opened on January 17th.

The Mayor has declared this week to be Alexander Clark week.

The 1st edition of "Watermark" was mailed out the end of January.

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. Display cases are needed.

New Business: None

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of February 2009
March 19, 2009

Total number of visitors for February 2009

1378

Total number of visitors for February 2008

1305

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009

2119

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

1925

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of February)

Opened January 18, 2009

Kosovo Revisited

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – March)

Through March 8, 2009

Kosovo Revisited

March 15 Through April 19, 2009

Muscatine Elementary School show as part of the Muscatine Mosaic Project

Muscatine Mosaic Project

CLASSES

February 4

Art for Tots: Glorious Glue –taught by Julie Herold

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Family Fun Time: Glorious Glue –taught by Julie Herold

February 6, 13, 20

Music for Tots –two sessions taught by Julie Lear

February 7

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

February 11

Art for Tots: Love Bugs –taught by Julie Herold

February 11

Family Fun Time: Love Bugs –taught by Julie Herold

February 12

Red Barn Studio: Tea Party Still Life –taught by Vada Baker

February 14

Kid's Workshop: Hanging Hearts Frame –taught by Julie Lear

February 18

Art for Tots: Red, White and Blue –taught by Julie Herold

February 18

Family Fun Time: Red, White and Blue –taught by Julie Herold

February 21

Kid's Workshop: Sketchbook Club –taught by Christine Kuster

February 25

Art for Tots: Puppet Pals –taught by Julie Herold

February 25

Family Fun Time Puppet Pals –taught by Julie Herold

February 28

Kid's Workshop: The Art of Aaron Douglas –taught by Vada Baker

TOURS

February 24

Crossroads: Two Tours

OTHER

February 2, 5

Lear presented outreach programs at Y

February 5, 12

Homeschool Enrichment

February 23

Lear presented outreach programs to Hodgepodge folks

February 12

Friends Board Meeting

February 22

Alexander Clark reception

ACQUISITIONS

Five Glass Books – Gift of Questors

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director
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March 10, 2009

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, February 2009

Our winter semester is over, and by and large classes have done well. In particular, our Kids' Saturday Workshops and Red Barn Studio increased in enrollment. Overall, enrollment is consistent with last year. The increase in the 2007 numbers is accounted for by the fact that there were two winter programs held in 2007 which have been discontinued in 2008 & 2009, and that there were tours and other events surrounding the Eisele Hill Archeological exhibit in winter of 2007.

Our Art for Tots and Music for Tots classes were well-attended. Family Fun Time was something of a disappointment – apparently we have not found our audience for that time slot as yet. We will continue the program this spring and see if it gains enough in popularity to continue in the fall. We have relaxed the rules for Julie Herold's Art for Tots to include siblings and allow a class size of 15 or under. This should help with enrollment in those classes.

We held four Saturday Kids' Workshops in February. Vada Baker offered an oil painting class in which students used palette knives and created a winter mountain landscape. These classes are always well attended as oil painting is something that is not offered in the schools. On Feb. 14 Julie Lear showed students how to create a Victorian frame with hanging hearts for Valentine's Day. Christine Kuster offered another of her drawing workshops on Feb. 21 in which students learned how to draw various animals. Vada Baker celebrated African-American Awareness Month with a workshop on artist Aaron Douglas on Feb. 28.

Red Barn Studio wrapped up the semester with a "Tea Party Still Life" using the one-stroke painting technique on Feb. 12.

Winter was the theme in our February outreach programs. Julie Lear taught a Reverse Glass Painting workshop to Y Variety Arts on Feb. 2. and a workshop creating light bulb snowmen to the Y Teen Leaders on Feb. 5. On Feb. 23 she showed the Hodgepodge kids how to create gourd snowmen.

I conducted two tours for our friends at Crossroads on Feb. 24.

There were no birthday parties scheduled for February.

Our spring brochure is out and we are taking enrollments for the spring classes. In addition to supporting the spring program I am working on our summer and fall class schedules.

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

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

February 2009

Date	Event	Students enrolled	
<u>Attendance</u>			
Sun. Feb. 1	Totals for week (Feb)	--	--
Mon. Feb. 2	Outreach: Y Variety Arts: Reverse Glass Painting	--	10
Tues. Feb. 3	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 4	Art for Tots: Glorious Glue ID 5158	8	11
	Family Fun Time: Glorious Glue ID 5165	5	9
Thurs. Feb. 5	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance – Enrichment	--	42
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--	10
Fri. Feb. 6	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170	31	56
Sat. Feb. 7	Kids Workshop: Oil Painting for Kids ID 5173	cancelled – instructor	
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Sun. Feb. 8	Totals for week:	44	138
Mon. Feb. 9			
Tues. Feb. 10	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 11	Art for Tots: Love Bugs ID 5159	11	17

	Family Fun Time: Love Bugs ID 5166	4	10
Thurs. Feb. 12	Red Barn Studio: Tea Party Still Life ID 5180	10	9
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance – Enrichment	--	54
Fri. Feb. 13	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170	33	56
Sat. Feb. 14	Kids Workshop: Hanging Hearts Frame ID 5174	6	6
Sun. Feb. 15			
	Totals for week:	64	152
Mon. Feb. 16			
Tues. Feb. 17	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 18	Art for Tots: Red, White & Blue ID 5160	7	12
	Family Fun Time: Red, White & Blue ID 5167		cancelled –
	low enrollment		
Thurs. Feb. 19			
Fri. Feb. 20	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170 (make-up class)	33	50
Sat. Feb. 21	Kids Workshop: Sketchbook Club ID 5175	7	7
Sun. Feb. 22			
	Totals for week:	47	69
Mon. Feb. 23	Outreach: Hodgepodge	--	35
Tues. Feb. 24	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
	Tour: Crossroads (mansion)	--	42
Wed. Feb. 25	Art for Tots: Puppet Pals ID 5161	9	16
	Family Fun Time: Puppet Pals ID 5168		cancelled –
	low enrollment		
Thurs. Feb. 26			
Fri. Feb. 27			
Sat. Feb. 28	Kids Workshop: The Art of Aaron Douglas ID 51766		4
	Totals for week (Feb.)	15	97
	Totals for February 2009:	170	456
	Totals for February 2008	199	413
	Totals for February 2007	234	500
	Totals for Winter 2009 Semester:	300	824
	Totals for Winter 2008 Semester:	321	813
	Totals for Winter 2007 Semester:	425	879