

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

JUNE 18, 2009

Present: Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Caren Luke, David Meloy and Tom Spread

Absent: Mark Huddleston, Becky Wichers, Scott Natvig

Staff: Barb Christensen

Acting Officers: In the absence of the President, David Meloy was Acting President. Jan Henderson was Acting Secretary.

Visitors Speak: Dan Clark

Dan reported that the Historic Preservation Commission met on June 16, 2009 and indicated that it is the Commission's stand to save the Jayne house and leave it where it is. Nothing formal was presented from the Commission.

Dan noted that three members of the Commission are trying to get the Jayne house listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Dan reported that Frank Kelly, former owner of the Jayne House, contacted him to express his desire to save the house. Frank mentioned circulating a petition for residents on Mulberry to sign in support of saving the house. He also created a Face Book website, "Save 1402 Mulberry," to encourage the Community to speak up and take action. A copy of the Face Book site was distributed to the Board. Dan also mentioned that part of Frank Kelly's Action Plan included painting the house this summer using Andrew Jackson Downing colors.

Minutes: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Tom Spread that the minutes of the May 21, 2009 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Tom Spread to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,992.89 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Barb Christensen reported that William McWhirter stepson of Laura Musser, gifted to the Art Center a pedestal marble bust of Laura as a child. It is believed George Grey Bernard sculpted this piece. This piece will be featured in the **Recent Acquisitions from the Permanent Collection** on view in the Stanley Gallery November 8 thru January 31, 2010.

Building & Grounds: Barb Christensen reported that the damaged concrete on lower half of front driveway was repaired. Upstairs porte-cochere carpeting will be replaced. The panels located in the small upstairs gallery will be replaced and the panels will be recovered in carpet instead of the current linen material. The replacement will be done in August 2009 at a cost of approximately \$4,000 with funds from the McWhirter-Gilmore Trust.

Finance & Budget: Barb Christensen reported that the grant from the Holthues Trust to supplement hours for Virginia Cooper and Andy Tabor is not reflected in the April 2009 "Revenue Summary" report included in the meeting package.

Long-Range Planning: No Report

Personnel: Barb Christensen reported that one of the two young people working through the Iowa at Work program left and can not be replaced. Virginia Cooper's hours will be increased from 30 to 38 hours.

Program/Publicity: Barb Christensen reported that the **Friends Annual Ice Cream Social** is scheduled for June 28, 2009 from 1:00 – 5:00 PM and volunteers would be greatly appreciated. The "**Twelve Views of Water**" an exhibit by Iowa City artist Nancy Purington will be on display in the Gallery during the Ice Cream Social and continue through August 23, 2009. The Art Center is selling embossed Muscatine Art Center wristbands (\$1.00 each) and Lanyards (\$4.00 each).

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

Director's Report: The written report was reviewed. Barb Christensen commented that due to budget constraints, school tours are down. In addition, **The Las Artes de Mexico** exhibit will end on Sunday, June 21, 2009 and Barb encouraged any who had not visited the exhibit to do so.

Unfinished Business: Mike Knott suggested board members view the "Springs, Sprockets and Pulleys" website www.gerbomatic.com. Barb reported that the exhibit has been booked from March 14, 2010 through December 2010, with several workshops and programs scheduled during this period.

The Annual Friends Festival of Wreathes will still be held at the Art Center with room changes made to accommodate the exhibit.

The names of two new board members, Jennifer Conard and Jeff Stone, have been submitted to the Mayor for approval.

Mark Huddleston's second term is awaiting approval by the Mayor.

Mike Knott asked about status of the James Horn painting. The painting has been cleaned and repaired at a cost of \$1,225.00 with funds coming out of the Alice Schaeffer Trust.

New Business:

The following list of new officers for 2009-2010 was submitted to the Board for approval.

President – Tom Spread
Vice President – David Meloy
Treasurer – Caren Luke
Secretary – Jan Henderson

It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mike Knott that the slate of officers be approved. Motion carried.

A thank you note from Pat Carver for the planter of flowers sent by the Board at the time of her mother's passing was read.

Barb Christensen expressed appreciation to Mike Knott from herself, Scott Natvig and the Board for his long time service as a member of the Board. Barb also reported that Mike would remain as a member of the Collections Committee, which met with an overwhelming positive response from Board and committee members alike.

The facility rental fees will be presented to the Finance Committee for review and comment at the July 16, 2009 Board of Trustees meeting.

Barb Christensen provided a copy of an article in the June 8, 2009 issue of Time Magazine, "*The Culture Crunch*" and encouraged the Board members to read the article and become aware of the challenges that lie ahead. Barb also reported the Muscatine Art Center is featured on the Smithsonian Magazine website in conjunction with Museum Day.

Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Henderson, Acting Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of June 2009
July 16, 2009

Total number of visitors for June 2009

1167

Total number of visitors for June 2008

3695

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009

10921

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

13987

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of June)

April 26 Through June 21, 2009

Las Artes de Mexico

June 28 Through August 23, 2009

Twelve Views of Water – Nancy Purington

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – July)

June 28 Through August 23, 2009

Twelve Views of Water – Nancy Purington

Floyd Pearce – Pterodactyl Press

Monica Leo, woodcuts from “Marcel and the Dirtball”

Eulenspiegel Puppet Theatre Posters

CLASSES

June 11

Family Days Fiesta –taught by Julie Lear

June 12

Family Days Fiesta –taught by Julie Lear

June 16

Art of Mexico-Paper Sculpture Jaguar–taught by Julie Lear

June 17

Art of Mexico-Felt Molas–taught by Julie Lear

June 18

Art of Mexico-Sun God Sculpture–taught by Julie Lear

June 22

Photography –Tricks of the Trade taught by Amy Kling

June 23

Photography –Monsanto Butterfly Garden taught by Amy Kling

June 24

Photography –Jefferson Playground - taught by Amy Kling

June 25

Photography –Andy Goldsworthy taught by Amy Kling
June 25
Photography –Photobook taught by Amy Kling

TOURS

June 2
Tour Washington ESL
SCC International Students
June 3
Tour Franklin Fourth Grade
June 11
Tour Lynn's Church Ladies
Tour Soccer Girls
June 18
Tour Salvation Army Summer Camp
June 25
Tour Wilton Child Care Center

OTHER

June 2
Outreach: Adventures in Art
June 4
Outreach: Y teen leaders - taught by Julie Lear
June 7
Music Room Recital and Reception– Rochelle Street
June 8
Outreach: Y Variety Arts - taught by Julie Lear
June 11
Friends of the Muscatine Art Center Board Meeting
June 13
Doherty –Donner Wedding in Japanese Garden
June 15
Outreach: Y Variety Arts - taught by Julie Lear
June 16
Outreach: DSCI Art Class
June 18
Art Center Board of Trustees Meeting
June 20
Wedding Photos in Japanese Garden for McKillip & Weiskamp
June 23
Outreach: DSCI Art Class
June 25
Outreach: Girl Scout Troop Wearable Art Badge
June 28
Annual Ice Cream Social

ACQUISITIONS

- Bust of Laura Musser at age five by George Grey Barnard – Gift of the family of
Mary Catherine Atkins
William Atkins McWhirter & Marilyn McWhirter Clark

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director
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July 2, 2009

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

The summer semester has begun. As you can see, enrollment is down from last year. This is explained by the fact that last year we had a "free" Project InSECT camp which more than doubled attendance for that week. Our outreach numbers are also lower than last year, partly because of Project InSECT activities and partly because the Ice Cream Social attendance (games and crafts) was down from last year, reflecting the economy. *The low "attendance" number in 2007 is because that year the Ice Cream Social fell in July. If you add those numbers to the June 2007 total it would be 467 instead of 252.

Our June Family Days theme was "Fiesta" and the kids had a great time creating paper molas and clay suns. The "Fiesta" class for the older kids was cancelled due to low enrollment.

There was no Music for Tots in June. We will begin the summer session this month.

We conducted two art camps in June. Our "Art of Mexico" camp was tied in to the exhibit in the Stanley Galleries. Julie Lear taught the students how to create paper sculptures of jaguars, felt molas and clay Sun God Sculptures. The second camp was "The Art of Photography." Amy Kling began the week with basic information about taking pictures, took a field trips to Monsanto Butterfly Garden on Tuesday and Jefferson playground on Wednesday, studied the work of Andy Goldsworthy on Thursday (the kids created and photographed a sculpture made from materials found in the Japanese Garden, and ended the week by having the students create photo books using the photographs they had taken during the week.

There were no Red Barn Studio scheduled for June. They will begin next week.

On Thursday June 9, Julie Lear taught the Y Teen Leaders how to make whirligig lawn ornaments from recycled materials. She repeated the workshop on Monday, June 15, Julie Lear for the Y Variety Arts kids. On June 12 kids from the Y Kids Club made Grant Wood paper dolls and watched a movie as part of a tour. On June 25 members of the Girl Scout service group created decorative t-shirts as part of their "Wearable Art" badge.

Members of the Senior Program of the Diversity Service Center of Iowa came to the Art Center for a workshop with Vada Baker in which they created origami "Pocket" books and bookmarks.

There were eight tours in June. On June 2 the Washington ESL students and Scot Community College International students viewed The Art of Mexico. On June 3 Franklin 4th graders viewed the Art of Mexico and the mansion. On June 11 ladies from the Island Methodist Church took a tour of the mansion and the Art of Mexico and girls from the soccer tournament took a mansion tour. On June 12 the Y Kids Club toured the Art of Mexico, the mansion, and had an art activity in the studio. On June 18 kids from the Salvation Army summer program toured the mansion and the Art of Mexico exhibit and took part in a Native American peace ceremony in the sculpture court. On June 25 kids from Wilton Child Care took a tour of the mansion and participated in the peace ceremony in the sculpture court.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in May.

In addition to supporting our summer program I am currently working on the fall brochure and copy for the next Watermark.

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

Muscatine Art Center Education Department 2009 Summer Attendance Report

June 2009		
<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>
<u>Attendance</u>		
Mon. June 1		
Tues. June 2	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--
	Tour: Washington ESL (Art of Mexico)	--
	26	
	Tour: SCC International Students (Art of Mexico & Mansion)	--
21		
Wed. June 3	Tour: Franklin 4 th (Mansion & Art of Mexico)	--
43		
Thurs. June 4	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--
Fri. June 5		
Sat. June 6		
Sun June 7		
	Totals for week:	--
	92	

Mon. June 8	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	
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Tues. June 9	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. June 10			
Thurs. June 11	Family Days: Fiesta ID 5217	10	17
	Tour: Lynn's Church Ladies (mansion, Mexico)	--	
12			
	Tour: Soccer girls (mansion)	--	31
Fri. June 12	Family Days: Fiesta ID 5218	7	11
	Kids: Mexican Worry Dolls ID 5219	cancelled – low	
enrollment			
	Tour with Outreach Activity: Y Kids Club	--	
58			
Sat. June 13			
Sun. June 14			
	Totals for week:	17	
	129		
Mon. June 15	Art of Mexico: Retablos & Milagros ID 5228		cancelled –
low enrollment			
	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (yard ornament)	--	
11			
Tues. June 16	Art of Mexico: Paper Sculpture Jaguar ID 5229	6	
6			
Wed. June 17	Art of Mexico: Felt Molas ID 5230	7	
7			
Thurs. June 18	Art of Mexico: Sun God Sculpture ID 5231	7	
7			
	Tour: Salvation Army Summer Camp	--	
41			
Fri. June 19	Art of Mexico: Huichol Yarn Paintings ID 5232		cancelled –
low enrollment			
Sat. June 20			
Sun. June 21			
	Totals for week:	20	
	72		
Mon. June 22	Photography: Tricks of the Trade ID 5233	11	
10			
Tues. June 23	Photography: Monsanto Butterfly Garden ID 5234	14	
13			
	Outreach: Diversity Center	--	16
Wed. June 24	Photography: Jefferson Playground ID 5235	10	
9			
Thurs. June 25	Photography: Andy Goldsworthy ID 5236	11	
7			

	Tour: Wilton Child Care Center	--	
13			
	Outreach: Girl Scout Troop "Wearable Art"	--	
26			
Fri. June 26	Photography: Photobook ID 5237	10	
9			
Sat. June 27			
Sun. June 28	Ice Cream Social (614 tickets - games & studio)	--	
204			
	Totals for week:	56	
307			
Mon. June 29			
Tues. June 30			
	Totals for week (June):		
	Totals for June 2009	93	600
	Totals for June 2008	199	1042
	Totals for June 2007	104	252*