

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center**  
**September 17, 2009**

**Present:** Jennifer Conard, Mark Huddleston, Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Jeffrey Stone

**Absent:** Caren Luke, David Meloy, Tom Spread, Becky Wichers

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors:** none

**Minutes:** Changes to the last minutes on page 2, Building and Grounds Committee report, 4<sup>th</sup> paragraph. The new paragraph now reads: "A portion of the John W. Conner Glass Collections is on display in the display case on the main steps." This paragraph was moved to the Collection Committee report.

It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Jeffrey Stone that the minutes, with changes, of the August 20, 2009 meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mark Huddleston to approve the monthly bills totaling \$10,635.80 for payment. Motion carried.

Barb will check on the Yellow Pages advertising contract. (On September 18, Barb reported to the Board by email: We are obligated contractually till Feb/2010. At that time the advertising will be dropped.)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** Art Center Registrar, Virginia Cooper, has begun installing the exhibition: Recent Acquisitions to the Permanent Collection in the linkage showcases.

In addition to the pitchers from the John Conner glass collection; there is now a selection of toothpick holders on view in the Musser showcases.

The Art Center will be loaning the series of prints "Medicine Men" by John Doyle to the Musser Public Library. The loan will last approximately six months. Following this loan, the Art Center will be loaning a series of photographs to the library.

Piece of interest to the Art Center for possible acquisition are additions to the Great River Collection, and secondly pieces by Iowa artists.

Acquisition money is low due to budget cuts. Next Spring there is a promise gift from Dick and Sandra Toye.

**Building and Grounds:** Work is completed on the small gallery in the Musser Museum. The next show will open there on October 1.

Work is completed in the Reference Library meeting room. A lamp shade was broken by the installers and will be replaced.

The last public viewing of the Jayne house (1402 Mulberry) was held yesterday (Wednesday, September 16) from 5-7pm.

The United Way Day of Caring also took place yesterday. 16 volunteers from HNI and Bridgestone/Bandag cleaned along the fence line.

The Jayne House seems to have some serious prospects. Will probably hold a private showing. September 25 is the bid day.

**Personnel:** Andy is still out. A temporary employee is filling in.

Barb is attending the Iowa Museum Association meeting this fall.

**Finance and Budget:** No reports other than the Support Foundation budget.

Reports received from the City are not timely. Without their reports, how can we adequately run a business? Need monthly and year end reports sent regularly. This needs to be addressed with the new city administrator, the Mayor and Nancy Lueck.

**Long-Range Planning:** Will meet with the committee after September 25 to get some plans and ideas together for the Jayne lot. Small community theatre was mentioned as a possibility as part of the new expansion. Some interest by the Pearl City Players in collaborating on the expansion.

**Program/Publicity:** Muscatine Symphony Orchestra will perform September 26. The rental fee was waived since they are non-profit. They will pay for three Art Center staff members for cleanup. Will be paid contractually.

The need for a community-wide event calendar. The Chamber of Commerce had discussed this at one time.

**Education:** See submitted report.

**Director's Report:** Attendance is down slightly. Last year Project Insect was a huge draw. We are constantly booking the garden for weddings.

Mosaic project will happen again this year, but not in association with the school district. Middle and High School students can get canvases. The mosaics are the property of the Muscatine Arts Council.

**Unfinished Business:** None.

**New Business:** None.

**Adjourn:** A motion to adjourn was made by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Mark Huddleston. Motion carried.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**For the month of September 2009**

**October 15, 2009**

|   |       |
|---|-------|
| Total number of visitors for September 2009 | 1426  |
| Total number of visitors for September 2008 | 1151  |
| Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009  | 14533 |
| Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008  | 17839 |

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**August 30 – October 25, 2009**

*Color in Freedom: Journey Along the Underground Railroad*

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*John W. Conner Glass Collection*

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**CLASSES & TOURS**

See Educator's Report

## **OTHER**

**September 10,**

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center Board Meeting

**September 11,**

Wedding rehearsal in the Japanese Garden

**September 12,**

Wedding in the Japanese Garden

**September 16,**

United Way Day of Caring

**September 17,**

Board of Trustees Meeting

**September 26,**

Wedding Photos in the Japanese Garden

Muscatine Symphony – Symphony of Arts

## **ACQUISITIONS**

None

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen

Director

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1115 Sunrise Circle

Muscatine IA 52761

September 9, 2009

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, August 2009

The fall semester has begun. As you can see from the attendance report, class enrollment continues to be low compared with the past two years, reflecting the economy. Our total attendance (including outreach programs) is high this September because of an unusually high attendance at the West Liberty Children's Days.

Preschool classes began in September. Thanks to the Boyer triplets Julie Herold's Art for Tots classes have met their minimums and they are all having a great time creating innovative art projects. Julie Lear's Music for Tots enrollment is up from summer – near capacity in both early morning and late morning sessions.

Our kids Saturday Workshops will begin in October.

There were no Red Barn Studio workshops in September. They are also scheduled to resume in October.

Homeschool art classes have begun. This semester's theme is "Pop Art Picnic," in which the students are learning about various "pop" artists who painted images of food. The format is: first they paint it, then they eat it. The first class was about the art of Wayne Theibault, and the students created colored pencil images of lollipops while learning about composition in art.

We conducted a number of outreach programs in September. On Thursday Sept. 3 Julie Lear gave a workshop on the art of Karl Zerbe for Y Teen Leaders. Based on the painting "Snake in the Grass," the students created a collage using real snake skins. Needless to say, this is a popular workshop! On Monday Sept. 14 Julie showed members of Y Varsity Arts how to create teabag-fold stars. On Sept. 21 she helped the Hodgepodge kids create candy-decorated pumpkins.

Julie visited Happy Time Preschool as the "Music Lady" on Sept. 22 and 23.

Julie is also temporarily helping out with evening programs at the library. On Sept. 8 she held a "Hello Kitty" reading/craft workshop for the Mother/Daughter Book Club, and on Sept. 22 she helped kids create "Mecha Men" for the Skeleton Key program.

Duffy De France represented the Art Center with children's crafts at Heritage Days and the West Liberty Children's Festival. Our thanks to Duffy for volunteering for these two events.

On September 29 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 learned how to paint on dried hosta leaves using the one-stroke painting technique. Some of the students also went on a tour of the Joseph Holston's "Color in Freedom" exhibit.

There were three mansion tours in September, a family tour on Sept. 17 and the Community State Bank Seniors and the Oakville Community Club on Sept. 30.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in September.

In addition to supporting our fall program I am currently working on the winter schedule and brochure. Julie Lear and I are still working on an inventory of the studio and supplies. I have re-established our presence on cable TV and am looking for other ways to publicize our classes. On Sept. 15 Julie Herold and I presented a program about our classes to Newcomers Club.

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

## Muscatine Art Center Education Department

### 2009 Fall Attendance Report

September 2009

| <u>Date</u>     | <u>Event</u>  | <u>Students enrolled</u> | <u>Attendance</u>             |
|-----------------|---|--------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Tues. Sept. 1   |   |                          |                               |
|                 | Outreach: Adventures in Art                               | --                       | --                            |
| Wed. Sept. 2    |   |                          |                               |
| Thurs. Sept. 3  |   |                          |                               |
|                 | Outreach: Y Teen Leaders: Snake in the Grass              | --                       | 11                            |
| Fri. Sept. 4    |   |                          |                               |
| Sat. Sept. 5    |   |                          |                               |
| Sun. Sept. 6    |   |                          |                               |
|                 | <b>Totals for week:</b>                                   | <b>--</b>                | <b>11</b>                     |
| Mon. Sept. 7    |   |                          | Labor Day - Art Center Closed |
| Tues. Sept. 8   |   |                          |                               |
|                 | Outreach: Adventures in Art                               | --                       | --                            |
|                 | Outreach: Musser Library "Fashion Kitty"                  | --                       | 30                            |
| Wed. Sept. 9    |   |                          |                               |
| Thurs. Sept. 10 |   |                          |                               |
| Fri. Sept. 11   |   |                          |                               |
| Sat. Sept. 12   |   |                          |                               |
| Sun. Sept. 13   |   |                          |                               |
|                 | <b>Totals for week:</b>                                   | <b>--</b>                | <b>30</b>                     |
| Mon. Sept. 14   |   |                          |                               |
|                 | Outreach: Y Variety Arts: Teabag fold stars               | --                       | 14                            |
| Tues. Sept. 15  |   |                          |                               |
|                 | Outreach: Adventures in Art                               | --                       | 2                             |
|                 | Outreach: Newcomers lunch (Preschool program information) | --                       | 45                            |

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| Wed. Sept. 16   | Art for Tots: Tear & Paste ID 5254                    | canceled – low enrollment |            |
| Thurs. Sept. 17 | Tour: Mansion (Mary Jo Lake)                          | --                        | 11         |
| Fri. Sept. 18   | Music for Tots ID 5265 & 5266                         | 32                        | 43         |
| Sat. Sept. 19   | Outreach: Heritage Days crafts (Duffy)                | --                        | 82         |
| Sun. Sept. 20   | <b>Totals for week:</b>                               | <b>32</b>                 | <b>197</b> |
| Mon. Sept. 21   | Outreach: Hodgepodge Kids (Candy Pumpkins)            | --                        | 12         |
| Tues. Sept. 22  | Outreach: Happy Time Preschool                        | --                        | 27         |
|                 | Outreach: Adventures in Art                           | --                        | --         |
|                 | Outreach: Skeleton Key: Mecha-Men (Library)           | --                        | 47         |
| Wed. Sept. 23   | Art for Tots: Glorious Glue ID 5255                   | 7                         | 14         |
|                 | Outreach: Happy Time Preschool                        | --                        | 28         |
| Thurs. Sept. 24 |   |                           |            |
| Fri. Sept. 25   | Music for Tots ID 5265 & 5266                         | 34                        | 56         |
|                 | Outreach: Homeschool Art: Wayne Thiebault's Lollipops | --                        | 79         |
| Sat. Sept. 26   | Outreach: West Liberty Children's Days (Duffy)        | --                        | 322        |
| Sun. Sept. 27   | <b>Totals for week:</b>                               | <b>41</b>                 | <b>585</b> |
| Mon. Sept. 28   |   |                           |            |
| Tues. Sept. 29  |   |                           |            |

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| Outreach: Diversity Center seniors           | --        | 10         |
| Outreach: Adventures in Art                  | --        | --         |
| Wed. Sept. 30                                |           |            |
| Art for Tots: Stamp & Print ID 5256          | 7         |            |
| Tour: Oakville Community Club (mansion)      | --        | 12         |
| Tour: Community State Bank Seniors (mansion) | --        | 45         |
| <b>Totals for week (September):</b>          | <b>7</b>  | <b>67</b>  |
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| <b>Totals for September 2009</b>             | <b>80</b> | <b>890</b> |
| Totals for September 2008                    | 91        | 679        |
| Totals for September 2007                    | 115       | 763        |