

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center JANUARY 21, 2010**

**Present:** Jennifer Conard, Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild, and David Meloy.

**Absent:** Caren Luke, Tom Spread, Jeffrey Stone and Becky Wichers.

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Acting President:** In the absence of the President, David Meloy assumed the role for this meeting.

**Minutes:** It was moved by Eric Knoernschild, seconded by Mark Huddleston to approve the minutes of the **December 17, 2009** regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Mark Huddleston, seconded by Eric Knoernschild to approve for payment monthly bills totaling \$1,374.91. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** Jan Henderson reported.

1) Richard Ralston, former Muscatine resident now living in Colorado, and his wife, Kathy, contacted the Art Center about gifting an extensive collection of **Friend's Oats (Muscatine) advertising items** valued at \$26,300.00 to the Art Center. Barb Christensen accepted the gift for the Muscatine history collection. The Ralstons provided the Art Center with photographs, descriptions and copy of appraisals of the collection. Richard Ralston will deliver the items to the Art Center sometime this spring. No action required.

2) **Civil War Soldier Stone Monument from Muscatine Court House Lawn:** Virginia Cooper, on behalf of the Art Center, attended a meeting of the Civil War Memorial Committee (the "Committee") on January 10, 2010. The Committee wants to remove the worn 6 foot-2, 136-year-old Civil War soldier statue. Virginia told the Committee that the Art Center, in celebration of the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the War, was planning a major Civil War exhibition in 2010, and if the Committee was thinking of disposing of the piece or placing it in private hands, the Art Center would like to talk with the interested parties. During the January 11, 2010 County Board of Supervisors meeting and unbeknownst to the Art Center, the following motion was approved: *Discussion was held regarding possible disposition of the Civil War Memorial statue. Shoultz stated that the committee had met with the Art Center who asked if they could have the soldier on top of the monument after it is removed. Shoultz stated that the Art Center would keep it displayed indoors. On a motion by Furlong, second by Kelly, the Board will donate the soldier from the Civil War Memorial to the Muscatine Art Center after it is removed. Ayes: All. Barb*

Christensen and Virginia Cooper will meet with the Committee next week to discuss disposition of the Civil War soldier statue. No action required.

**Building & Grounds:** Mark Huddleston reported.

1) A security proposal from **Integrated Technologies**, Wilton, Iowa covering fire/smoke detection and security monitoring was received. Mark will provide more information once he has had an opportunity to review the proposal. Integrated Technologies was the only company responding to a request for bids. No action required.

**Finance & Budget:** Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Monthly Financials** – The December 2009 monthly financial reports were received and reviewed. No action required.

2) **City Council Budget Hearing** – The Muscatine Art Center 2010 budget hearing will be held at City Hall, lower level, on **Saturday, January 30, 2010**, at approximately 11:30 a.m. The Art Center is the last group on the agenda but there is no definitive time set for the presentation before Council. Barb will call the Board members on their cell phone thirty minutes prior to the Art Center's presentation. All Board members are encouraged to attend.

3) **Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation 2010 Budget** – Tom Spread will meet with the Support Foundation next week.

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

**Personnel:** Barb Christensen reported:

1) Maria Norton has announced that she will retire in July 2010.

**Program/Publicity:** Barb Christensen reported:

1) **Muscatine High School, West and Central Middle Schools, Mosaic Project II** opened January 10, 2010. Reception and auction for Mosaic Project and school exhibitions to be held on Sunday, February 7, 2010, from 1:00 - 5:00 PM.

2) **Bellbina Queen of Weed Park** – book illustrations by Linda Kelty are currently on display.

3) **Eagles and Ivories** – Silent movies (Saturday, January 30, 2010 at 1:30 PM); Concert by Ivory and Gold (Sunday, January 21, 2010 at 2:00 PM)

4) **Redwall Abbey** with Musser Public Library (Saturday, February 6, 2010 from 10:00 AM thru 5:00 PM )- events at the Art Center [www.redwalliowa.com](http://www.redwalliowa.com).

5) **Celebration of Black History Month** on Sunday, February 21, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

6) **Friends Membership Appreciation Night** *and special preview of Springs Sprockets & Pulleys* on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.

7) **Springs Sprockets & Pulleys** public reception and opening on Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM.

**Education Coordinator's Report:** A written report submitted for review.

**Director's Report:** A written report was submitted for review.

**Unfinished Business:** None to report.

**New Business:** None to report.

**Adjourn:** There being no further business; it was moved by Mark Huddleston, seconded by Jennifer Conard that the meeting adjourn. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jan Henderson, Secretary

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of January 2010**  
**February 18, 2009**

Total number of visitors for January 2010  
759

Total number of visitors for January 2009  
741

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010  
759

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009  
741

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**January 10– February 7, 2009**

*Muscatine Mosaic Project II*

*West and Central Middle Schools and Muscatine High School Art Students*

*John W. Conner Glass Collection*

**January 10– February 7, 2009– Musser Mansion**

*Bellbina Queen of Weed Park*

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

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**CLASSES & TOURS**

See Educator's Report

**OTHER**

**January 4,**

Last day for Mosaic Project entries

**January 10,**

Mosaic Project II opens

West and Central Middle Schools and Muscatine High School Art

Students

**January 14,**

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center dinner meeting

**January 21,**

Board of Trustees Meeting

**January 27,**

Support Foundation Meeting

**January 30 and 31,**

Eagles and Ivories

**ACQUISITIONS**

None

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen  
Director

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Feb. 2, 2010

To: Barb  
From: Maria  
Re: Education Coordinator's Report, January 2010

The winter semester has begun. Although our over-all enrollment is down due to weather-related cancellations, our enrollment per class is doing well, especially in the Music for Tots program.

Preschool Art got off to a slow start but enrollment is increasing. The last morning Music for Tots class is over capacity and includes a number of families new to the program.

Our January Kids' classes did not do so well. Fun with Clay: Old Man Winter Wall Pocket with Julie Lear was canceled due to low enrollment, and "Oil Painting for Kids: The Phoenix" with Vada Baker has been re-scheduled for March due to a family emergency.

There was one Red Barn Studio classes held in January. "Zebras: A Study in Black and White" was held on Thursday, Jan. 28. The students came back for an additional class on Sunday, Jan. 31 to finish up their projects.

We conducted two outreach programs in January. On Jan. 11 Julie Lear conducted a workshop on masking tape masterpieces for the Y Teen Leaders, and on Jan. 21 the Y Teen Leaders learned the art of bargello weaving. The Art Center is also currently hosting the Homeschool Assistance Program's Enrichment Classes. This winter the subject is chemistry.

There were no tours scheduled in January

There was one birthday part held in January.

The spring class program has been completed and I am working on the brochure. I have also begun planning our summer schedule. In addition to supporting our winter classes, Julie Lear and I are working on organizing supplies and doing a supply inventory so everyone knows what is where. We are also getting ready for our part in the Redwall Winterfaire, a community-wide celebration which will take place this weekend.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2010 Winter Attendance Report**

**January 2010**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	
<u>Attendance</u>			
Fri. Jan 1	<i>Art Center Closed</i>		
Sat. Jan. 2	Birthday Party: Ohl	--	15
Sun. Jan. 3			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>--</b>	<b>15</b>
Mon. Jan. 4			
Tues. Jan. 5	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Jan. 6			
Thurs. Jan. 7	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	<i>cancelled - weather</i>	
Fri. Jan. 8			
Sat. Jan. 9			
Sun. Jan. 10		--	--
<b>Totals for week:</b>			
Mon. Jan. 11	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	17
Tues. Jan. 12	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Jan. 13	Art for Tots: Paper Capers ID 5284	5	10
Thurs. Jan. 14	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	
Fri. Jan. 15			

Sat. Jan. 16	Fun with Clay: Old Man Winter Wall Pocket ID 5293		canceled – low enrollment
Sun. Jan. 17			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>27</b>
Mon. Jan. 18			
Tues. Jan. 19	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Jan. 20	Art for Tots: Sticky Stuff ID 5285		canceled - weather
Thurs. Jan. 21	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	17
	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders – Bargello weaving	--	10
Fri. Jan. 22	Music for Tots: ID 5291 & 5292	29	45
Sat. Jan. 23	Oil Painting for Kids: The Phoenix ID 5294		canceled by instructor
Sun. Jan. 24			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>74</b>
Mon. Jan. 25			
Tues. Jan. 26	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Jan. 27	Art for Tots: Printing Party ID 5286	6	12
Thurs. Jan. 28	Red Barn Studio: Zebras on Canvas ID 5300	7	7
	Outreach: Homeschool Assistance Enrichment	--	17
Fri. Jan. 29	Music for Tots: ID 5291 & 5292	31	55
Sat. Jan. 30	Fun with Clay: Old Man Winter Wall Pocket ID 5293		canceled – low enrollment
Sun. Jan. 31	Outreach: Red Barn Studio: Zebras on Canvas ID 5300	7	7
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>98</b>
	<b>Totals for January 2010</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>214</b>
	Totals for Jan. 2009	130	368
	Totals for Jan. 2008	122	400