

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center
APRIL 15, 2010

Present: Jennifer Conard, Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Caren Luke, Jeffrey Stone and Tom Spread.

Absent: Eric Knoernschild, David Meloy and Becky Wichers.

Staff: Barb Christensen

President, Tom Spread, opened the meeting.

Visitors: None

Minutes: It was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by Jennifer Conard to approve the minutes of the **March 18, 2010** regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by Jeffrey Stone to approve for payment monthly bills totaling \$3,423.84. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Jan Henderson reported.

1) **American Pressed Glass:** Barb Christiansen purchased two pieces of American pressed glass at the Cedar Rapids Antique Show this month.

2) **Ralston Gift of Friends Oats** advertising items gifted by Richard and Kathy Ralston has been delivered. See January 21, 2010 minutes for full description.

3) **19th Century American trompe l'oeille Still Life (“fool the eye”)** by a follower of William Harnett has been received from Richard and Sandy Toyé's collection.

Building & Grounds: Mark Huddleston reported.

1) **Jayne House** was successfully moved to its new location on Iowa Avenue. The Public Works Department will remove the remaining debris at the Mulberry location. It was brought to the Board's attention that Barb Christiansen may have a future promising career in television.

2) **Iowa Arts Council Grant** – Barb submitted the matching funds grant , in an amount up to \$10,000, to the Iowa Arts Council for the next landscaping phase of the Jayne House project.

3) **Security/Fire Alarm System** – The Committee is expecting another quote for the security system and will review all three quotes together before submitting a report to the Board.

Finance & Budget: Caren Luke reported.

Monthly Financials – The March 2010 monthly financial reports were received and reviewed. It was moved by Caren Luke and seconded by Jennifer Conard to receive the reports as presented. Motion carried.

Long-Range Planning: No report. The Board extends its deepest sympathy to Eric and Bev Knoernschild on the recent death of their grandson Jackson.

Personnel: Barb Christensen reported.

1) **Maria Norton** will be leaving earlier than announced and possibly as soon as early June. The Board extended best wishes to Maria as she embarks on this new milestone in her life.

2) **Katy Donner** is the new Program Coordinator. Katy has a BA in Art History with a Museum Studies certificate from the University of Iowa. The Board extended a warm welcome to Katy to the Art Center staff.

Program/Publicity: Barb Christensen reported:

1) **Leadership Muscatine** graduation is being held this evening in the Music Room, followed by refreshments in the Stanley Gallery.

2) **Pearl City Players** will present “Reminisce with Radio” in the Music Room at 2:00 PM on Sunday, April 18, 2010 and again on Sunday, April 25, 2010. Cost of a ticket is \$7.00 with all proceeds benefiting the Pearl City Players.

3) **“Andersons Read”** will be presented by members of the Anderson Family on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 2:00 PM at the Art Center. This free public program is hosted by the Art Center.

4) **Muscatine Autoharp Club** was scheduled to hold jam sessions in the Music Room every third Saturday of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. The group is discussing a proposed change in the meeting date.

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 and seconded by Jeffrey Stone that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Henderson, Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of April 2010
May 20, 2009

Total number of visitors for April 2010	3578
Total number of visitors for April 2009	2270
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010	9936
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009	6318
All figures include outreach program participants	

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of April)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

March 21, 2010– April 25, 2010 Musser Mansion

Metal Sculpture – Mike Drayfahl

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – May)

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

April 28, 2010 – May 16, 2010

Muscatine High School Junior Senior Art Show

CLASSES & TOURS

See Educator's Report

OTHER

April 8,

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center meeting

April 15

Board of Trustees Meeting

Leadership Muscatine

April 17

Rehearsal for Pearl City Players

April 18

Reminisce with Radio – Pearl City Players

April 23,

Earth Day

April 25,

Reminisce with Radio – Pearl City Players

April 27,

Energy audit

ACQUISITIONS

2 pieces of American Pressed Glass – Purchase of the Support Foundation

Collection of Friends Oats Advertising items – Gift of Richard and Kathy Ralston

An American trompe l'oeille still life by a follower of William Harnett – Gift of Richard and Sandra Toye

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

May 9, 2010

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

We have one more week left in the spring semester. All in all, enrollment has been good. Some people have learned about our classes while here to view Springs, Sprockets and Pulleys and have signed up for classes. Almost all of the students, especially the pre-schoolers, look forward to going "upstairs" to view the exhibit before and after class.

The format for our Music for Tots program has changed. We have a new instructor, Cynthia Hector. Cynthia is a certified Kinder Music instructor and has loads of energy and new ideas. Cynthia has requested that we reduce class maximum from 20 to 15 students. We have continued the format of early morning and late morning music classes.

Our last Kids' Saturday Workshop for the spring semester is scheduled for tomorrow. Vada Baker will be helping students create a Mini-Pot-Pourri pie as a Mother's Day gift. Although we ended up canceling the first Saturday class on March 13, the rest of the classes were held as scheduled and were a lot of fun for the kids. Vada Baker took over most of Julie Lear's classes for us for the spring semester.

There are five of Red Barn Studio classes scheduled for this spring. Taught by Vada Baker, these classes offer painting and craft projects geared for adults and mature teens. So far, Enrollment in Red Barn Studio classes has been very good. We have one Red Barn class remaining.

Kris Lee offered a Calligraphy Workshop for adults this spring which was well attended and enjoyed by all. She will continue the adult classes in the fall and will be offering a calligraphy class for kids this summer.

With Julie Lear now at the library full time, the number of outreach programs has been reduced. Vada Baker is taking over the Y's Variety Arts program (with Julie co-teaching for the spring semester while she learns the ropes). Vada is also our instructor for the DCSI senior students. These classes take place once a month. In March Vada offered a workshop on sugar egg boats for Easter, in April the students decorated wooden birdhouses using one-stroke painting techniques, and in May the students created artistic Mother's Day cards.

I do not have a good number for tours due to the fact that I am now working half-time and Katie has taken over the afternoon tours. What tours I do have numbers for that took place in April are in the attendance report for April.

We have temporarily discontinued the birthday parties since we have no instructor for them. We are, however, renting the studio for parent-organized birthday parties for those children who want to have their party here and see Springs, Sprockets & Pulleys.

In addition to the usual support for the spring semester, I have put together a summer program as requested. The brochure will go to the printer today. We should be able to mail it out the end of next week.

The format for this summer is slightly different from past years: Cynthia Hector will be teaching two Music for Tots sessions this summer on Friday mornings. Family Days has been discontinued. There will be no Art for Tots classes this summer. Due to the scheduling of College for Kids there will be no art camps in June. Amy Kling has agreed to teach for us this summer. She will be offering photography on Wednesday afternoons. Field trips have been discontinued but this class includes four field trips. Amy will also be teaching painting classes on Tuesday afternoons. Kris Lee will be offering a Calligraphy workshop for kids on Tuesday mornings. Vada will offer acrylics for kids on Thursday afternoons and Amy Kling will offer a clay class in this time slot as well. Vada will also continue her Red Barn Studio classes on Thursday evenings.

As this is my last semester, I have also been familiarizing Katie Donner with the supplies and basic education procedures.

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

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

April 2010

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	<u>Attendance</u>
Thurs. Apr. 1	Calligraphy Workshop ID 5330	11	7
	Outreach: HSAP Enrichment (chemistry)	--	40
Fri. Apr. 2			
Sat. Apr. 3	Kids: Victorian Sugar Egg Boats ID 5318	15	18
Sun. Apr. 4			
	Totals for week (April):	26	65
Mon. Apr. 5	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	22
Tues. Apr. 6	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Apr. 7	Art for Tots: Clay Day ID 5306	10	17
	Tour: Jefferson Kindergarten (SS&P)	cancelled - weather	
Thurs. Apr. 8	Red Barn Studio: Field of Poppies ID 5326	9	9
	Outreach: HSAP Enrichment (chemistry)	--	22
Fri. Apr. 9	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5312 & 5313	21	30
	Outreach: HSAP Art	--	69
Sat. Apr. 10	Acrylic Painting for Kids: Tropical Fish ID 5319	14	18
Sun. Apr. 11			
	Totals for week:	45	189
Mon. Apr. 12			
Tues. Apr. 13	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
	Tour: Grant 4 th grade (SS&P)	--	46
Wed. Apr. 14	Art for Tots: Spring Flowers ID 5307	14	26
	Tour: Sr. Resources Adult Day Care (SS&P)	--	--
Thurs. Apr. 15	Calligraphy Workshop ID 5330	11	10
	Tour: Colorado 3 rd grade (SS&P)	--	39
	Outreach: HSAP Enrichment (chemistry)	--	22
Fri. Apr. 16	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5312 & 5313	21	38
Sat. Apr. 17	Kids: Dr. Gerbeau's Altered Species ID 5320	12	14
Sun. Apr. 18			
	Totals for week:	58	195
Mon. Apr. 19			
Tues. Apr. 20	Tour: Madison 2 nd grade (SS&P)	--	54
	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Apr. 21	Art for Tots: We Love Earth Day ID 5308	9	18
Thurs. Apr. 22	Red Barn Studio: Blue Bird on a Branch ID 5327	7	8
	Outreach: HSAP Enrichment (chemistry)	--	22
Fri. Apr. 23	Music for Tots: Late Spring ID 5314 & 5315	18	36
	Outreach: HSAP Art	--	59
Sat. Apr. 24	Oil Painting for Kids: A Modern Still Life ID 5321	6	11
Sun. Apr. 25			
	Totals for week:	40	210
Mon. Apr. 26			
Tues. Apr. 27	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
	Outreach: DSCI seniors	--	10
Wed. Apr. 28	Art for Tots; Springs, Sprockets & Pulleys ID 5309	7	14
	Tour: Madison 1 st grade (SS&P)	--	56
Thurs. Apr. 29	Calligraphy Workshop ID 5330	11	8
	Outreach: HSAP Enrichment (chemistry)	--	18
Fri. Apr. 30	Music for Tots: Late Spring ID 5314 & 5315	21	40
	Outreach: HSAP Art	--	58
	Tour: McKinley 3 rd grade (SS&P)	--	52
	Totals for week (April):	39	258
	Totals for April 2010	208	917
	Totals for Apr. 2009	158	1216
	Totals for Apr. 2008	235	852