

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

March 20, 2008

Present: Jan Henderson, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Scott Natvig, Tom Spread and Mary Wildermuth

Absent: Mark Huddleston, Dave Meloy, and Marilyn Wick,

Staff: Barb Christensen

Visitors Speak: No visitors in attendance

Minutes: It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Jan Henderson that the minutes of the February 21, 2008 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Mary Wildermuth and seconded by Tom Spread to approve the monthly bills totaling \$3,094.72 for payment. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Knott reported that a child's stove was being auctioned by Jackson's Auctions in Cedar Falls. The Collection Committee discussed the stove and recommends purchase to the Board. The pre-auction estimate is \$1,500 but it is considered likely that the sale price will surpass that. Eric Knoernschild moved that Barb be authorized to call in a bid of \$2,700 for the stove with funds taken for the Support Foundation Acquisition Fund if successful. The motion was seconded by Mike Knott. Motion carried.

Building & Grounds: Barb met with Mark Huddleston to discuss the security system. Additional quotes are being sought.

Additional tuck-pointing is required for the mansion because of leaks near the roof of the Music Room. The City plans to have a Contractor perform the work but it will be the MAC's cost responsibility.

Finance & Budget: "Special" checks were approved by the Board for payment to PROJECT InSECT. The project is now fully funded following a contribution of \$8,000 from the Roy J. Carver Charitable Trust.

Long-Range Planning: The two Long-Range Planning Committees from the MAC and the library met on March 6th and again this date. A Public Presentation document is being prepared. Approaching a "lead donor" was also discussed.

Personnel: Barb's Annual Review will soon be initiated by Mary Wildermuth. Mary will be contacting Board members.

Tom Spread agreed to serve a 2nd term but a replacement for Mary needs to be found. Mary will soon be completing her 2nd term.

Program/Publicity: A re-work of MAC's website was discussed with Sedona Technologies (**ST**). **ST** was used by the Figge Art Museum in Davenport. They have an attractive re-work package priced at \$6,300 that Barb believes is adequate. There is \$7,439 available in the Support Foundation budget for this re-work. Mary Wildermuth moved that **ST** be hired to perform the \$6,300 re-work with funds taken from the Support Foundation. The motion was seconded by Eric Knoernschild. Motion carried.

10,000 copies of a new MAC brochure will be printed by Sycamore Printing for \$700 with funds taken from the General Trust.

Education Coordinator's Report: Report was received for review.

Director's Report: Report was received for review.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business: A United Way Community-wide Workshop "Essentials of a Successful Board" is scheduled for March 28th at First National Bank. A Notice for this event was included in Board member's packets and attendance was encouraged.

Adjourn: A motion was made by Mike Knott and seconded by Jan Henderson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
For the month of March 2008
April 17, 2008

Total number of visitors for March 2008

1550

Total number of visitors for March 2007

1678

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

3478

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007

3516

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of March)

Through April 20, 2008

*American Art Glass, Collection of John W. Conner, Mary Lou Conner,
Wilma Conner*

Iowa City Glass: Gift of Roy J. and Patricia Carver

American Glass; Gift of Mary Elda Kautz Estate

Muscatine Middle Schools and Muscatine High School Exhibition

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – April)

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Wilma Conner*

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CLASSES

March 12

Art for Tots: Bunnies and Mores –two sessions taught by Julie Herold

March 14,21,28

Music for Tots– taught by Julie Lear

March 15

Kids Workshop: Painted Labyrinth - taught by Julie Lear

March 17

School's Out Special: Panoramic Sugar Egg – taught by Julie Lear

March 22

Kids Workshop: Victorian Easter Egg Candy Box - taught by Julie Lear

March 25

Adventures in Art -

March 26

Art for Tots: Lambs for Lions –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

March 29

Printmaking for Kids –two Sessions taught by Jenna Gerot

OTHER

March 3

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y to Variety Arts and High School Kids

March 6

Lear presented an outreach program to Y Teen Leaders at the Y

March 7

Homeschool - Art held at the Art Center

March 13

Homeschool – Enrichment – Botany and Geology - held at the Art Center

March 27

Homeschool – Enrichment - held at the Art Center

March 28

Homeschool - Art held at the Art Center

ACQUISITIONS

- David Bogard Wood and Wire Hanger - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Souvenir Plate of *Hershey Building, Muscatine, Iowa* - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Muscatine Jewelry Company, box and six silver spoons - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Pressed Glass Child's Cup with Stork and Peacock - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Leu Ad Thermometer - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Carl Neff Children's Cook Stove – Muscatine Support Foundation purchase.
- Group of Artwork – Gift of HNI
- Ephemora relating to Muscatine Bridge Committee and Clinton Bridge Commission – Gift of Barbara Sabbath
- *Bandag Revolutions – Bandag's 50Years of Innovation in the Tire Industry* – Gift of Roy J. and Patricia Carver
- Paper Pamphlet, *Icey Leonora Teel Reader and Impersonator* – Gift of Nancy Keel
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Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

KLZ INCORPORATED

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April 1, 2008

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, March 2008

Our spring semester has begun, and so far enrollment is good. However, enrollment is down from 2007 and 2006. The drop in students enrolled is accounted for by several factors. We did not offer classes the first week in March this year. Also, our afternoon weekly class, Pet Rock Studio, is no longer being offered, and Vada Baker is only offering her Red Barn Studio classes every other week. The huge increase in the attendance numbers in 2007 is accounted for by the school tours for the Eisele Hill exhibit and an outreach to Happy Time Preschool in that year.

Our Tots classes began on March 12. Enrollment is down in Julie Herold's Art for Tots classes but is good in Julie Lear's Music for Tots. Julie Herold's classes, which require an adult for each child enrolled, are facing increasing competition with other programs in the community which do not have the one-on-one requirement. We are currently exploring possible changes in the Art for Tots format.

There were three Kids' workshops in March. On March 15, in honor of St. Patrick's Day, Julie Lear discussed medieval illuminations as the students created illuminated versions of their initials on parchment paper. Sat. March 22 was our Easter class. The students created a Victorian-style papier mache candy box shaped like an egg. Each child received a chocolate bunny for his egg. Jeanna Gerot taught a printmaking workshop on March 29. Students observed water in movement and created monoprints showing their impressions of what they had learned.

Our "School's Out Special" was held on March 17. Julie Lear helped the students create panoramic sugar eggs. This year she added cocoa to the mix and the scenes were made from Victorian scrap rather than edible candies. Everyone had a wonderful time.

The Red Barn Studio workshop scheduled for March was cancelled due to low enrollment. These classes did not make the regular brochure since the Art Center's evening hours had not been determined. We sent out a flyer as soon as the change in hours was finalized but did not have good enough response to hold the class. We will try to promote the remaining three classes. Sometimes it is difficult to re-establish a program in a different time slot.

On Monday, March 3, Julie Lear taught a workshop about artist Nicki St. Phalle for the Y Variety Arts kids. They are creating “pop” bathers to display at the Y pool. On March 6 she let a panoramic sugar egg workshop for the Y Teen Leaders.

Spring art classes for the Homeschool Assistance students have begun. This spring the theme is “Botanicals” and the students are learning how different artists use botanicals in their art. These classes are taught by Julie Lear. The Art Center is also hosting two enrichment programs for the Homeschool Assistance students. Susan Fridrych is conducting a geology workshop for grades 4 – 12, and Jane Hodge is teaching a botany workshop for K-3.

There were no tours scheduled in March.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in March.

In addition to supporting our spring program I am working on our summer program and brochure, including a special Project InSECT summer art camp.

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

Muscatine Art Center Education Department 2008 Spring Attendance Report

March 2008

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled</u>	
<u>Attendance</u>			
Sat. Mar. 1			
Sun. Mar. 2			
Totals for week:			
Mon. Mar. 3	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	
11			
Tues. Mar. 4	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Mar. 5			
Thurs. Mar. 6	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--	
17			
Fri. Mar. 7	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	65

Sat. Mar. 8			
Sun. Mar. 9			
Totals for week:		--	
93			
Mon. Mar. 10			
Tues. Mar. 11 Outreach: Adventures in Art	--		--
Wed. Mar. 12 Art for Tots: Bunnies & More ID 5019 & 5020		14	
29			
Thurs. Mar. 13Homeschool Enrichment, Botany & Geology	--		
29			
Fri. Mar. 14 Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5039 & 5040		35	
65			
Outreach: Homeschool Art	--		52
Sat. Mar. 15 Kids: Painted Labyrinth (Lindisfarne Gospels)		7	
5			
Sun. Mar. 16			
Totals for week:		56	
180			
Mon. Mar. 17 School's Out Special: Panoramic Sugar Egg		12	
16			
Tues. Mar. 18 Outreach: Adventures in Art	--		--
Wed. Mar. 19			
Thurs. Mar. 20Red Barn Studio: T Shirts & Truffles			class cancelled – low
enrollment			
Fri. Mar. 21 Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5039 & 5040		32	
48			
Sat. Mar. 22 Kids: Victorian Easter Egg Candy Box ID 5046		12	
14			
Sun. Mar. 23			
Totals for week:		56	
78			
Mon. Mar. 24			
Tues. Mar. 25 Outreach: Adventures in Art	--		3
Wed. Mar. 26 Art for Tots: Lambs & Lions ID 5021 & 5022		11	
21			
Thurs. Mar. 27Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--		
39			
Fri. Mar. 28 Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5039 & 5040		31	
49			
Outreach: Homeschool Art	--		53
Sat. Mar. 29 Printmaking for Kids: Water ID 5047		6	
6			
Sun. Mar. 30			

	Totals for week:	48
	171	
Mon. Mar. 31		
	Totals for week (March):	--
	Totals for March 2008:	160
	522	
	Totals for March 2007	311
1227		
	Totals for March 2006	262
597		