

**Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center**  
**April 18, 2008**

**Present:** Jan Henderson, Mike Knott, Dave Meloy, Tom Spread, Marilyn Wick and Mary Wildermuth

**Absent:** Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild and Scott Natvig

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors Speak:** No visitors in attendance

**Minutes:** It was moved by Mary Wildermuth and seconded by Jan Henderson that the minutes of the March 20, 2008 Board Meeting be approved as amended. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Mary Wildermuth and seconded by Tom Spread to approve the monthly bills totaling \$3,279.05 for payment. Motion carried.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** Knott reported that two paintings by Harold P. Allison, an Iowa artist who studied with Marvin Cone, have been offered to the MAC by a local dealer for a total of \$1,800. The paintings are in the possession of the MAC and were available for viewing at the meeting. Both paintings require some conservation. Knott recommended purchase to the Board and made a motion to for purchase using Support Foundation Funds. The motion was seconded by Marilyn Wick. Motion carried.

**Building & Grounds:** Virginia Cooper's son Randall has developed a planting plan for the front of the mansion. The MAC will pay for the plants and Randall will do the work.

Tom Spread mentioned that additional tuck pointing is needed at the front, downhill side of the mansion. Barb will try to have this work added to the tuck pointing already planned.

**Finance & Budget:** Report summarized by Tom Spread.

**Long-Range Planning:** The two Long-Range Planning Committees from the MAC and the library met on March 20th and plan to meet again soon.

The library has authorized having Virginia Cooper work up to 20 hours per week at the library, primarily working with the Grossheim photo collection. Several

scenarios on how best to split Virginia's hours were discussed but no plan has been adopted.

**Personnel:** As a correction to the March minutes, Tom Spread agreed to serve a **1<sup>st</sup> full term** on the Board.

**Program/Publicity:** Project InSECT is getting underway with an exhibition of paintings of insects in the Stanley Gallery. The artist will be available through the month of May to discuss her work while she is creating more on site.

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

**Director's Report:** Report was received for review.

**Unfinished Business:** None

**New Business:** None

**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 April 2008**  
**May 15, 2008**

Total number of visitors for April 2008	2653
Total number of visitors for April 2007	2621
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008	6131
Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2007	6137

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**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*  
*Project InSECT*

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

*Project InSECT*  
*Ultra-Realistic Sculpture by Marc Sijan*  
*Iowa City Glass: Gift of Roy J. and Patricia Carver*  
*American Glass; Gift of Mary Elda Kautz Estate*

**CLASSES**

**April 2**

*Art for Tots: April Showers* –two sessions taught by Julie Herold

**April 3**

*Paper Collage Pin* –taught by Vada Baker

**April 4,11, 25**

*Music for Tots*– taught by Julie Lear

**April 5**

*Kids Workshop: Haitian Sculpture* - taught by Duffy DeFrance

**April 9**

*Art for Tots: Printing Party* –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

**April 12**

*Kids Workshop: Oil Painting for Kids* - taught by Vada Baker

**April 15**

*Adventures in Art* -

**April 16**

*Art for Tots: Clay Day* –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

**April 17**

*Gold Leaf Necklace* –taught by Vada Baker

**April 18**

*Family Days: We Love Earth Day* –taught by Julie Lear

**April 19**

*Kids Early Day Special: Litterbugs* –taught by Julie Lear

**April 16**

*Art for Tots: Cut & Paste* –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

**April 26**

*Kids Sketchbook Club* - taught by Christine Kuster

**April 30**

*Art for Tots: Sticky Stuff* –two Sessions taught by Julie Herold

**OTHER**

**April 3**

Lear presented outreach programs at the Y to Y Teen Leaders

**April 3**

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

**April 7**

Lear presented outreach programs to Y Variety Arts and Y Teen Leaders at the Y

**April 9**

Newcomers Club- held at the Art Center

**April 10**

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

**April 11**

Homeschool – Art - held at the Art Center

**April 12**

Outreach programs to Y – Healthy Kids Day

**April 15**

Outreach programs: Adventures in Art

**April 24**

Homeschool – Enrichment - Papermaking held at the Art Center

**April 25**

Homeschool – Enrichment – Art - held at the Art Center  
Hodgepodge -

**ACQUISITIONS**

- China Head Doll - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- Two Allison Paintings - Muscatine Art Center Support Foundation purchase.
- KKK Flier c. WWI– Gift of Steven and Marlena Maher
- Thompson Motor Corporation Stock Certificate - Gift of Steven and Marlena Maher
- Thompson Motor Corporation Stock Subscription Contract - Gift of Steven and Marlena Maher
- Two Small Slates/chalkboard with leather edging – Gift of Cathy Huff
- Nine Pieces of Iowa City Glass – Gift of Ken Wagner
- Reference Book *Reproduction Iowa City Glass* – Gift of Sue Slight

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen  
Director

# **KLZ INCORPORATED**

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May 1, 2008

To: Barb  
From: Maria  
Re: Education Coordinator's Report, April 2008

The spring semester is about half over, and enrollment has been quite good. The decrease in outreach numbers compared with 2006 is accounted for by a much lower attendance at the 2008 Y Healthy Kids Day, the discontinuing of Night of the Young Child, and the fact that Julie Lear did not go to Happy Time Preschool this spring. Taken program by program, attendance is steady.

Our Art for Tots had a special treat on April 9<sup>th</sup>. James Heubing-Reitinger, from Project InSECT, visited the class with an art project and insect "tattoos" for the little ones. Julie Lear's Music for Tots classes continue to be a hit.

We offered a Family Days program on Friday, April 18. The subject was "We Love Earth Day". Taught by Julie Lear, Family Days programs, which are half music/half art, offer an opportunity for parents of pre-school age siblings to enjoy some musical activities and create some art projects with their children.

There were four kids' workshops in April. On April 5 Duffy De France discussed Haitian Sculpture and the students created a mixed-media sculpture. On April 12 Vada Baker taught an oil painting workshop with Southwestern Landscapes as the theme. Julie Lear and her students made litterbugs from recycled materials on April 19 in honor of Earth Day. Christine Kuster taught a "Sketchbook Club" drawing workshop on April 26.

Vada Baker conducted two Red Barn Studio workshops in April. This spring her theme is "Art to Wear and Chocolate Goodies." On April 3 students created a paper collage pin and enjoyed peanut butter fudge brownies, and on April 17 they created a gold leaf gourd remnant necklace and snacked on gooey chocolate bars.

The Homeschool Assistance students have just about completed their art unit for the spring. Their reception is scheduled for Thursday evening, May 15. They have also completed their geology and botany enrichment programs, as well as a paper-making workshop.

Julie Lear taught three outreach programs at the Y in April. On April 3 the Y Teen Leaders finished their project on artist Nikki St. Phalle. On April 7 the Y High School Kids learned about artist Bridget Riley and the Y Variety Arts kids created medieval illuminated letters. The Hodgepodge workshop was cancelled due to the tornado warnings. Julie and I also took part in the Y's Healthy Kids Day on April 12<sup>th</sup>.

I assisted Jessa with one Project InSECT tour in April.

There were no birthday parties scheduled in April.

Our summer brochure is complete and the mailing will go out this week. In addition to supporting our spring program, I am working on summer class support and our fall class schedule.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2008 Spring Attendance Report**

**April 2008**

Date	Event	Students enrolled	Attendance
Tues. Apr. 1	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Apr. 2	Art for Tots: April Showers ID 5023 & 5024	8	17
Thurs. Apr. 3	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders (Illuminated letters)	--	5
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment (Botany & Geology)	--	39
	Red Barn Studio: Paper Collage Pin ID 5056	7	8
Fri. Apr. 4	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5039 & 5040	31	54
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	63
Sat. Apr. 5	Kids: Haitian Sculpture ID 5048	8	8
Sun. Apr. 6			
<b>Totals for week (Apr.):</b>		<b>54</b>	<b>194</b>
Mon. Apr. 7	Outreach: Y Variety Arts (Nicki St. Phalle)	--	12
	Outreach: Y High School Kids (Bridget Riley)	--	5
Tues. Apr. 8	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Apr. 9	Art for Tots: Printing Party ID 5025 & 5026	20	38
	Outreach: Newcomers Club	--	16
Thurs. Apr. 10	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment (Botany & Geology)	--	15
Fri. Apr. 11	Music for Tots: Early Spring ID 5039 & 5040	32	52
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	66
Sat. Apr. 12	Oil Painting for Kids: Southwestern Landscapes ID 5049	16	16
	Outreach: Healthy Kids Day (Family Y)	--	113
Sun. Apr. 13			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>68</b>	<b>333</b>
Mon. Apr. 14			
Tues. Apr. 15	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Apr. 16	Art for Tots: Clay Day ID 5027 & 5028	11	24
Thurs. Apr. 17	Red Barn Studio: Gold Leaf Necklace ID 5057	6	7
Fri. Apr. 18	Family Days: We Love Earth Day ID 5043 & 5044	10	27
Sat. Apr. 19	Kids: Early Day Special: Litterbugs	14	14
Sun. Apr. 20			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>41</b>	<b>74</b>
Mon. Apr. 21			
Tues. Apr. 22	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Apr. 23	Art for Tots: Cut & Paste ID 5029 & 5030	15	27
Thurs. Apr. 24	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment (papermaking)	--	13
Fri. Apr. 25	Music for Tots: Late Spring ID 5041 & 5042	33	55
	Outreach: Homeschool Art	--	75
	Outreach: Hodgepodge	Cancelled – tornado alert	
Sat. Apr. 26	Kids: Sketchbook Club ID 5051	12	11
Sun. Apr. 27			
<b>Totals for week:</b>		<b>60</b>	<b>181</b>
Mon. Apr. 28			
Tues. Apr. 29	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Apr. 30	Art for Tots: Sticky Stuff ID 5031 & 5032	12	25
	Tour: Project InSECT	--	45
<b>Totals for week (Apr.):</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>70</b>
<b>Totals for April 2008:</b>		<b>235</b>	<b>852</b>
Totals for April 2007:		212	853
Totals for April 2006:		260	1305