

## **Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center January 14, 2009**

**Present:** Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Eric Knoernschild, Mike Knott, Caren Luke, Dave Meloy, Scott Natvig, Tom Spread, and Becky Wichers

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Barb Christensen

**Visitors Speak:** None

**Minutes:** It was moved by Eric Knoernschild and seconded by Jan Henderson that the minutes of the December 18, 2008 Board Meeting be approved. Motion carried.

**Bills:** It was moved by Tom Spread and seconded by Mike Knott to approve the monthly bills totaling \$2,305.80 for payment. Motion carried.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Collections:** The Marvin Cone oil painting purchased previously was available for viewing at the meeting. It was noted that the painting had been deaccessioned by the Cedar Rapids Art Center.

Barb purchased a wall sculpture, *Man with Cigar, 2002* by Marc Sijan for \$900. The sculpture was in the Art Center exhibition of the artist's works. The price is far below the artist normal retail price of \$3,000. The MAC and our sculpture will appear in a book Marc is preparing.

The Questors donated five (5) reference books on antique glassware to the MAC. They plan to continue these donations to help build the MAC's library of glass reference books.

### **Building & Grounds:**

The Jayne house was discussed. The B&G Committee will meet to formulate a recommendation to the Board on the MAC's plan for the property. The recommendation will be presented at the February Board meeting.

It was moved by Marc Huddleston and seconded by Eric Knoernschild to remove the forced-air furnace from the Jayne house and re-install it in the Art Center to

replace the antiquated unit currently being used to heat the Carriage House.  
Motion carried.

**Finance & Budget:** Tom Spread reviewed the Financial Reports.

**Long-Range Planning:** No report. Barb continues her working relationship with the library.

**Personnel:** It is time for Barb's annual review. Scott will work with the Personnel Committee to begin this process. Review forms will be sent to the trustees soon.

**Program/Publicity:** The Kosovo show opens on January 17<sup>th</sup>.

The Children and Youth's Choir will be performing this week.

An article on the Mosaic Program is appearing in the January 14<sup>th</sup> edition of the Muscatine Journal.

The 1<sup>st</sup> edition of "Watermark" will be out by the end of January.

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

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

**Unfinished Business:** The "conversion" of the Sarah Eaker Hughes bedroom was discussed. Display cases are needed.

**New Business:** There will be a Budget Meeting with the Council on January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Adjourn:** A motion was made by Tom Spread and seconded by Dave Meloy to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,  
Michael J. Knott , Secretary

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**  
**For the month of January 2009**  
**February 19, 2009**

Total number of visitors for January 2009

741

Total number of visitors for January 2008

620

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009

741

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2008

620

All figures include outreach program participants

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

**Through January 11, 2009**

*Fairy Tale Art: Illustrations from Children's Books*

**Opened January 18, 2009**

*Kosovo Revisited*

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

**Through March 8, 2009**

*Kosovo Revisited*

**CLASSES**

**January 17**

*Fun With Clay:* –taught by Amy Kling

**December 6**

*Family Workshop: Gingerbread Schoolhouse* –taught by Julie Lear

**January 21**

*Art for Tots: Paper Capers* –taught by Julie Herold

*Family Fun time: Paper Capers* –taught by Julie Herold

**January 22**

*Winter Landscape* –taught by Vada Baker

**January 23,30**

*Music for Tots* –two sessions taught by Julie Lear

**January 24**

*Chinese New Year* –taught by Julie Lear

**January 28**

*Art for Tots: Me & My Shadow* –taught by Julie Herold

*Family Fun time: Me & My Shadow* –taught by Julie Herold

**January 29**

*Forest Creatures* –taught by Vada Baker

**January 31**

*Fun With Clay:* –taught by Amy Kling

## **TOURS**

None

## **OTHER**

**January 4**

Henderson Birthday Party

**January 5, 8**

Lear presented outreach programs at Y

**January 8**

Friends Board Meeting

**January 11**

Ball Birthday Party

**January 13**

Lear presented outreach program to Newcomers

**January 15, 22**

Homeschool Enrichment

**January 18**

Opening Reception for *Kosovo Revisited*

**January 24, 25**

Eagles and Ivories

## **ACQUISITIONS**

*Display Bust* – Purchase of the Support Foundation

*Man with Cigar* by Marc Sijan – Purchase of the Support Foundation

*Study in Blue* by Marvin Cone – Purchase from General Trust and Brad Burns

Trust

*From Emancipation to Equality* by Stephen J. Frese – gift of Kent Sissel

*Eagles and Ivory Rag*, sheet music by Jeff Barnhart commissioned for the 15<sup>th</sup>

Annual eagles and

Ivory Ragtime Festival – gift of Muscatine Arts Council

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen

Director

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**KLZ INCORPORATED**  
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February 4, 2009

To: Barb

From: Maria

Re: Education Coordinator's Report, January 2009

Despite the weather, our winter semester has begun! Enrollment is up from 2008 but down compared with 2007, due to the discontinuation of two programs, "Cabin Fever" and "Pet Rock Studio." When you take our cancelled January classes into account, total attendance is pretty consistent.

The first classes in our winter tots and music programs were cancelled due to the extreme cold. They will be made up at the end of the winter semester. Our adult Red Barn Studio was also postponed that week. Enrollment continues to be slightly down in the tots music classes, and also down by quite a bit in our tots art classes. We are hopeful that offering tots art classes with a more relaxed enrollment policy will lead to more families participating. However it is challenging to compete with the free library story times and the increased availability of preschool classes.

We held two Saturday Kids' Workshops in January. On Jan. 17 and 31 Amy Kling taught an innovative clay class in which the students learned about African clay air drums. She brought in drums that she had created and went on line to show the kids some African artists and how they created their drums. Everyone had a great time, none of the drums exploded when we fired them, and the finished work was impressive. On Jan. 24 Julie Lear presented our annual Chinese New Year workshop and tea. This year, the year of the Ox, the students created reverse-glass paintings of Chinese ox images. Then they took part in a traditional Chinese tea and learned about how the animals were selected for the Chinese Zodiac and what the symbolism of the various foods at the tea was all about.

Our off-again, on-again Red Barn Studio adult workshops are doing very well this winter. Vada Baker is teaching three workshops featuring the one-stroke painting technique. On Jan. 22 students created a winter landscape and on Jan. 29 they tried their hand at rock painting.

There were a number of outreach programs in January. On Jan. 5 and again on Jan. 8 Julie offered "snowflake" workshops to the Y Variety Arts kids and the Y Teen Leaders. The snowflakes they made are now on display in the Y lobby and look great! The Art Center is hosting the Homeschool Enrichment program on Thursday afternoons again this winter. Their first class, appropriately enough, was on Antarctica!

There was one formal tour conducted by Don Lewis for some of the Eagles & Ivories audience in January.

There were two birthday parties held in January.

Our spring brochure is at the printers and will be distributed next week. In addition to supporting and promoting our winter and spring programs I have begun work on our summer brochure.

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

**Muscatine Art Center Education Department  
2009 Winter Attendance Report**

**January 2009**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Students enrolled Attendance</u>	
Thurs. Jan. 1	Art Center Closed		
Fri. Jan. 2			
Sat. Jan. 3			
Sun. Jan. 4	Birthday Party: Henderson	--	15
<b>Totals for week:</b>		--	<b>15</b>
Mon. Jan. 5	Outreach: Variety Arts: Snowflakes	--	13
Tues. Jan. 6	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	
Wed. Jan. 7			
Thurs. Jan. 8	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders: Snowflakes	--	14
Fri. Jan. 9			
Sat. Jan. 10			
Sun. Jan. 11	Birthday Party: Ball	--	18
<b>Totals for week:</b>		--	<b>32</b>
Mon. Jan. 12			
Tues. Jan. 13	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	

Wed. Jan. 14	Art for Tots: Let It Snow ID 5155		cancelled -
	weather		
	Family Fun Time Let It Snow ID 5162		cancelled -
	low enrollment		
Thurs. Jan. 15	Red Barn Studio: Winter Landscape ID 5178		cancelled -
	weather		
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment (Antarctica)	--	35
Fri. Jan. 16	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170		cancelled -
	weather		
Sat. Jan. 17	Kids Workshop: Fun with Clay: Udu Clay Drums ID 5171	8	9
Sun. Jan. 18			
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>44</b>
Mon. Jan. 19	School's Out Special: Scorch Art	6	6
Tues. Jan. 20	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	2
Wed. Jan. 21	Art for Tots: Paper Capers ID 5156	5	10
	Family Fun Time Paper Capers ID 5163	4	7
Thurs. Jan. 22	Red Barn Studio: Winter Landscape	10	10
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--	47
Fri. Jan. 23	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170	29	50
Sat. Jan. 24	Kids Workshop: Chinese New Year ID 5172	10	11
Sun. Jan. 25	Tour: Mansion (Don Lewis)	--	10
	<b>Totals for week:</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>153</b>
Mon. Jan. 26			
Tues. Jan. 27	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Jan. 28	Art for Tots: Me & My Shadow ID 5157	4	7
	Family Fun Time: Me & My Shadow ID 5164	6	12
Thurs. Jan. 29	Red Barn Studio: Forest Creatures ID 5179	10	10
	Outreach: Homeschool Enrichment	--	38
Fri. Jan. 30	Music for Tots ID 5169 & 5170	30	49
Sat. Jan. 31	Kids Workshop: Fun with Clay: Udu Clay Drums ID 5171	10	10
	<b>Totals for week (Jan):</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>126</b>
	<b>Totals for January 2009</b>	<b>132</b>	<b>370</b>
	Totals for Jan. 2008	122	400
	Totals for Jan. 2007	191	379