

Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees, Muscatine Art Center

FEBRUARY 18, 2010

Present: Jennifer Conard, Jan Henderson, Mark Huddleston, Caren Luke, David Meloy, Tom Spread, Becky Wichers.

Absent: Eric Knoernschild and Jeffrey Stone.

Staff: Barb Christensen

President, Tom Spread, opened the meeting.

Minutes: It was moved by Mark Huddleston, seconded by Caren Luke to approve the minutes of the **January 21, 2010** regular meeting as presented. Motion carried.

Bills: It was moved by Caren Luke, seconded by Jennifer Conard to approve for payment monthly bills totaling \$4,960.39. Motion carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Collections: Jan Henderson reported.

Dave Losasso of Mississippi Fine Arts, Davenport, Iowa, contacted Barb Christensen about purchasing the **John Bloom collection** consisting of one watercolor and four pencil sketches. The watercolor and one of the sketches are Bloom's original thumbnails for a painting already in the Art Center's collections, which was a study for a mural in the Dubuque Post Office. The other four drawings are for the same mural; however, the original painting was destroyed by fire.

Over the past several years, Rick and Sue Smith have contributed funds to the Art Center's General Trust with the idea that as the funds reached a certain level the Art Center would purchase something as a donation with their names on it. Barb Christensen contacted Rick and Sue Smith to see if they would be interested in purchasing the John Bloom collection. The Smiths agreed to the purchase of these pieces at a cost of \$3,200. The pieces are already matted but will need to be framed.

Building & Grounds: Mark Huddleston reported.

Mark updated the board on the security/fire alarm system proposal. Mark received a proposal from **Integrated Technologies, Wilton, Iowa**, totaling \$42,000 for a Freeman Lock/Alarm, wireless, computer-driven-system with a one-year guarantee. Budgeted funds totaling \$32,000 are available in the Support Foundation. Mark will have the current proposal reviewed by an independent person. Committee member, Jennifer Conard, will contact other security system companies to see if we can secure another bid. No action requested.

Finance & Budget: Caren Luke reported.

Monthly Financials – The January 2010 monthly financial reports were received and reviewed. No action required.

Long-Range Planning: No report.

Personnel: Barb Christensen reported:

1) **Julie Lear** has accepted a full time position at the Musser Public Library assisting in the children's department. Barb and Pam Collins are discussing Julie doing contractual work for the Art Center.

- 2) **Reorganization of Staffing.** Barb presented a brief report out on her staff reorganization.
- 3) Barb will be out of the office March 25 and 26.

Program/Publicity: Barb Christensen reported:

- 1) **Celebration of Black History Month** is scheduled on Sunday, February 21, 2010, from 2:30 – 3:30 PM in the Music Room. Annabell Luth is the featured guest speaker.
- 2) **Springs Sprockets & Pulleys (March 14 thru December 31, 2010):**
 - Members Only reception scheduled on Saturday, March 13, 2010, from 5:00 – 7:00 PM.
 - Public Reception scheduled on Sunday, March 14, 2010, from 1:00 – 5:00 PM.
 - Barb and Becky Wichers will discuss details for Muscatine Community Schools to participate in this exhibit around the Invention Convention in April.

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

Director's Report: A written report was submitted for review. Barb noted that the closing reception for Muscatine Mosaic Project II was very well attended and there are still canvasses for sale through the Muscatine Arts Council.

Unfinished Business: None to report.

New Business: It was determined that even though the next meeting of the trustees is scheduled during spring break, we will have enough members available for a quorum.

Adjourn: There being no further business; it was moved by David Meloy, seconded by Becky Wichers that the meeting adjourns. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Jan Henderson, Secretary

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

Total number of visitors for March 2010

1662

Total number of visitors for March 2009

1378

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2010

2421

Total number of visitors Year-to-Date 2009

2119

All figures include outreach program participants

EXHIBITIONS (in the month of February)

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

February 11 - March 14, 2010– Musser Mansion

American Red Cross

EXHIBITIONS (currently on view – March)

February 11 - March 14, 2010– Musser Mansion

American Red Cross

March 14, 2010 – December 31, 2010

Springs Sprockets & Pulleys

CLASSES & TOURS

See Educator's Report

OTHER

February 6,

Red Wall Faire with the Musser Public Library

February 7,

Mosaic Project II Reception

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

February 10,

Nationwide staff for City Employees

February 11,

Friends of the Muscatine Art Center dinner meeting

February 18,

Board of Trustees Meeting

February 21,

Alexander Clark Founders Day

February 28,

Steve Gerberich begins

ACQUISITIONS

John Bloom, five studies for the Dubuque Mural Project – Gift of Rick and Sue Smith)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara C. Christensen
Director

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March 4, 2010

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

The winter semester is over. We continue to experience a drop in paid attendance and greater numbers in our outreach attendance. However, considering the weather this winter I think we did well.

There was one cancellation in the Art for Tots classes but otherwise the program was well attended, with our little ones thoroughly enjoying exploring the art process. The shaving cream "snow" was a particular hit!

Music for Tots classes were well attended as usual. The winter semester marked Julie Lear's last Music for Tots classes. Cynthia Hector will be taking over the program this spring. Cynthia is a certified Kinder Music instructor and has loads of energy and new ideas. We welcome her to the Art Center teaching staff.

Our February Kids' classes did not do so well. Our Valentine workshop with Julie Lear was cancelled due instructor illness, and "The Art of Mary Lovelace O'Neil" with Vada Baker had to be re-scheduled for March due to fog, a first for our program!

However, the rest of the Kids classes were a lot of fun. Julie Lear taught our annual Chinese New Year class, which combined a "cloth tiger" project and a Chinese tea party on Feb. 6, and Duffy De France conducted one of her fast-paced watercolor workshops on Feb. 27.

There were two of Vada Baker's Red Barn Studio classes held in February. "Cardinals on Slate" was the subject on Thurs. Feb. 11. On Thurs. Feb. 25 the students created "Moon Fantasy" paintings in acrylics.

Julie Lear conducted four outreach programs in February. On Feb. 1 the Y Variety Arts students created iris fold valentines, and on Feb. 4 the Y Teen Leaders learned the art of iris fold rainbow Julie also offered a workshop for the Hodgepodge kids in which they also created iris rainbows. The Art Center also partnered with the library in the community-wide Redwall Winter Faire on Feb. 6. In addition to performers Musica Antiqua, David Schoonover, calligrapher Cheryl Jacobsen, Julie Lear was in the studio with a calligraphy activity.

There were two tours scheduled in February. On Feb. 17 the American Visions group from Burlington IA were given a mansion tour and on Feb. 20 there was a Boy Scout art badge tour.

There were no birthday parties held in February.

As I mentioned above, February was Julie Lear's last month working at the Art Center. She has left us to take up a full-time position as Betty Collins' assistant at the library. We will all miss Julie and thank her for her creative input over the last twelve years.

With Julie no longer teaching for us, I have been working on transitioning our program to other instructors. Vada Baker has stepped up and will be teaching a lot of Julie's Saturday classes as well as the Y Variety Arts outreach and our spring "School's Out Special", and Cynthia Hector has taken over the Music for Tots program. Amy Kling has promised to teach some of our summer classes.

Our Spring Brochure has been mailed and we are taking enrollments. I have begun planning our summer schedule and brochure. In addition to supporting our spring classes, I continue to work on organizing supplies and doing a supply inventory so everyone knows what is where.

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

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

February 2010

Date	Event	Students enrolled	Attendance
Mon. Feb. 1	Outreach: Y Variety Arts	--	17
Tues. Feb. 2	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 3	Art for Tots: We Love Winter ID 5287	5	8
Thurs. Feb. 4	Outreach: Y Teen Leaders	--	9
Fri. Feb. 5	Music for Tots ID 5291 & 5292	33	58
Sat. Feb. 6	Chinese New Year: Cloth Tiger ID 5295	8	8
	Outreach: Redwall Studio Activities	--	83
Sun. Feb. 7			
	Totals for week:	46	183
Mon. Feb. 8			
Tues. Feb. 9	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 10	Art for Tots: Be My Valentine	7	14
Thurs. Feb. 11	Red Barn Studio: Cardinals on Slate ID 5301	8	9
Fri. Feb. 12	Music for Tots: ID 5291 & 5292	33	51
Sat. Feb. 13	Valentine Courting Centerpiece ID 5296		cancelled – instructor ill
Sun. Feb. 14			
	Totals for week:	48	74
Mon. Feb. 15	School's Out Special: Mardi Gras ID 5299	11	13
Tues. Feb. 16	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 17	Art for Tots: Clay Play ID 5289		cancelled – low enrollment
	Tour: American Visions, Burlington IA (mansion)	--	31
Thurs. Feb. 18			
Fri. Feb. 19	Music for Tots: ID 5291 & 5292	30	41
Sat. Feb. 20	The Art of Mary Lovelace O'Neil ID 5297		cancelled - weather
	Tour: Boy Scout troop (mansion)	--	17
Sun. Feb. 21			
	Totals for week:	41	102
Mon. Feb. 22			
Tues. Feb. 23	Outreach: Adventures in Art	--	--
Wed. Feb. 24	Art for Tots: Penguin Pals ID 5290	7	10
Thurs. Feb. 25	Red Barn Studio: Moon Fantasy ID 5302	7	7

Fri. Feb. 26			
Sat. Feb. 27	Winter Watercolor Landscape ID 5298	12	10
Sun. Feb. 28			
Totals for week:		26	27
Totals for February 2010		161	547
Totals for Feb. 2009		170	456
Totals for Feb. 2008		199	413
Totals for Winter 2010		246	834
Totals for Winter 2009		300	824
Totals for Winter 2008		321	813