

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of Tuesday, 06 October 2009
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:03p by Chair Kim Bova. *Members present:* Jay Ames, Kim Bova, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban. *Members absent:* Tom Bruhn, Joan Prugh. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** of the 01 September 09 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Change of meeting schedule?** Joan Prugh now has a conflict on Tuesdays and has asked if Committee meetings could be moved to Monday, as they were originally. However, Mondays are a problem for some other members, so meetings will continue to be held on the first Tuesday of each month.

4. MCC Art Exhibits.

a. Fall Quarter. Jay A. has not been able to reach **William Stallman** to confirm his exhibit; he will keep trying, but we need to know very soon. If Stallman drops out, Michael Allison may still be willing to move his show up; if not, Liviu Cupceancu might be approached. **Jay Ames** will e-mail photos of his own paintings to the Committee for review before they are hung; Blanche can also look at the paintings when they go up. Scott will call **Syliva Smith** to remind her that her show starts next week and that Kim can help hang them on Thursday morning, 10/15/09.

b. Patty Vinsonhaler has applied to display ceramics, but no photos were available. Scott will call her to ask for them.

c. Ashleigh Kay has applied to exhibit 10 abstract collage paintings & drawings; she included a CD of photos, which the Committee viewed before approving her show for the winter quarter. Kim will call her and ask that she come in to look at the display areas to decide which she wants.

d. John Bell, Director of the Ballard Institute, would like to exhibit Javanese rod and shadow puppets in the display cases; a list and CD of photos was included in the application (a selection would need to be made, as space in the display cases is limited). The Committee was enthusiastic about the proposal and wondered if a demo or performance could be arranged in conjunction with the show.

e. Kim has urged E.O.Smith art students to apply to exhibit at the MCC. Blanche will approach Karen Anger at Goodwin Elementary to see if she is interested in putting together a show of student art.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
Fall 15 Oct – 15 Jan	<i>William Stallman?</i> (found object sculpture)		<i>Jay Ames</i> (paintings)		<i>Sylvia Smith</i> (water media)	
Winter 15 Jan – 15 Apr	<i>Michael Allison</i> (colored wooden bowls)		<i>Ashleigh Kay?</i> (collage painting & drawing)			

5. **Know Your Towns Fair.** Scott staffed the Committee’s table at Know Your Towns Fair (11a – 2p, 9/12/09); Jay A. lent a small collage and easel to spruce up the table.

The most popular hand-out was the local arts directory Scott compiled largely from information on websites. He thinks participating in the Fair again next year would be worthwhile, particularly if the Committee can gather fliers from a variety of arts groups for the table.

6. Arts web page? The local arts directory should be posted somewhere on the Town website. Perhaps we need a Mansfield Arts page, where other arts information (such as the display application form) could be posted. As it is, this material is under Parks and Recreation, perhaps not the most obvious link to arts information. Committee members were asked to think about this for the November meeting (check out the Tolland arts page).

7. Open Studio visits. Kim again suggested that Committee members go to some of the open studios to see what's going on locally and to let artists know of display opportunities at the MCC.

8. Brochure. We seem to have run out of bi-fold brochures on display opportunities at the MCC and elsewhere in town, and should consider at the next meeting whether to do an update.

9. Adjourned at 8:00p. Next meeting: Tuesday, **10 November 09**, 7:00p. (Note change from schedule; 11/3/09 is election day.)

Scott Lehmann, Acting Secretary, 12 October 09; approved 10 November 09.