

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 01 June 2010
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:05p by Jay Ames. *AAC members present:* Jay Ames, Kim Bova, Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann, Blanche Serban. *AAC members absent:* none. *Others present:* René Raucci, Jay O’Keefe (staff).

2. **René Raucci** showed a portfolio of large watercolors, largely of geometric designs, which she would like to exhibit. The AAC agreed that the work was suitable for exhibit at the MCC. Ms. Raucci will need to submit an application {which she did before leaving the MCC} and to make a selection of her work, as there is not enough space to display it all.

{The hallway and lower sitting room exhibit areas will not be free until 4/15/11, and the AAC agreed later in the meeting to reserve the 4/15/11–5/31/11 period for another school art exhibit. Ms. Raucci could have the upper sitting room display area for two quarters, starting 9/1/10, or the hallways and sitting room areas from 6/1/11 to 8/15/11. Jay A. will contact her.}

3. The **minutes** of the 04 May 2010 meeting (and, belatedly, of the 02 February 2010 meeting) were approved as written.

4. Blanche submitted for review photos of four additional works for her upcoming exhibit at the Mansfield Library. The AAC had no concerns about their suitability for that venue.

5. Correspondence.

- a. Jay O’K distributed notices regarding (i) a sculpture park in Des Moines (IA), which the AAC might want to suggest emulating on a smaller scale in the new Storrs Center development, and (ii) an art contest for children sponsored by the Connecticut Recreation and Parks Association, for which Mansfield Parks and Rec will handle submissions by Mansfield children “express[ing] their idea of play.”
- b. Marcel Defresne, a photojournalist at UConn, has applied to exhibit 18x20 (and larger) photographic prints of Kenyan subjects. After some discussion the AAC agreed that the proposed show appeared to be designed primarily to highlight the work of Friends of Kenya, a group including Mansfield residents, and that the Mansfield Community Center administration, rather than the Arts Advisory Committee, should – as in the case of the upcoming DCF Heart exhibit – decide whether to sponsor it.
- c. Jay A. reported that Michael Allison will exhibit his colored wooden bowl-sculpture in the display cases in the Fall quarter.

6. MCC exhibit schedule.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
01 Jun – 14 Aug	<i>Ballard Institute</i> (puppets)		<i>Nancy Bergeron</i> (paintings)			
15 Aug – 14 Oct	<i>Festival on the Green</i> (advertising, art show winners)		<i>MCC cleaning & painting 8/22-8/28</i>			
15 Oct – 14 Jan	<i>Michael Allison</i> (colored wooden bowls)		<i>Rene Raucci</i> 9/1-4/15? (watercolors)	<i>DCF Heart Exhibit 10/1 – 12/31</i> (photos of children needing adoption)		
15 Jan – 14 Apr				<i>Martin Calverly</i> (New England photos)		
15 Apr – 31 May	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					
01 Jun – 15 Aug			<i>Rene Raucci?</i> (watercolors)			

6. Adjourned at 8:05p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 06 July 2010.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 02 June 2010; approved 06 July 2010.