

ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Meeting of Tuesday, 08 January 2013
Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:05p by Tom Bruhn. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Anke Finger, Scott Lehmann, David Vaughan. *Members absent:* Kim Bova. *Others present:* Norman Stevens, Jay O'Keefe (staff).

2. The draft **minutes** for the 04 December 2012 meeting were approved as written.

3. **Art for Town Hall.** Before any donations or loans of art for the Town Hall are solicited, the Committee needs to determine whether the Council is interested. A proposal to the Council along the lines suggested by Mr. Stevens would:

- recommend building a collection of Mansfield-themed works for permanent display at the Town Hall;
- suggest how the acquisition of such works (whether by donation, loan, or purchase) be controlled;
- indicate what space in the hallways might be used to advantage for displaying art and roughly how many works could be accommodated in it;
- say what sort of hanging system and lighting upgrades would be required.

Tom will try to arrange a tour of the Town Hall for the Committee with Maria Caprioli. Jay reported that art displayed there could be insured under the Town's policy, but it would need to be appraised.

4. **Mansfield art venues.** The Committee's list of Mansfield entities (businesses, churches, etc.) willing to display art or host performances needs updating. David may be able to work on this in the summer; Jay will send him electronic copies of the old list.

5. **Committee vacancies.** Resignations have left the Committee with two vacancies. Scott indicated his desire not to be re-appointed when his current term ends, having been on the Committee a long time. Anke wondered if someone from the Downtown Partnership could be recruited.

6. **2013 meeting dates.** Tom's suggestion that the Committee not meet in July and August was approved unanimously. In other months, we will meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

7. **MCC exhibit applications.**

- a. Kim has indicated by e-mail that **Murray Wachman** will be exhibiting paintings in the winter quarter. {**Michael Allison** is willing to exhibit more wooden bowls in the display cases during this period.}
- b. Tom reported that the **Quiet Corner Photo Club** is not interested in exhibiting again in 2013; perhaps the winter quarter of 2014 would work for them.
- c. **Lisa Yang** has applied to exhibit color photos. They appear to be appropriate, but it's a little hard to tell, since she supplied only snapshots of groups of displayed prints. Scott will ask her for clearer copies and offer her the summer quarter (01 Jun to 15 Aug) if, as anticipated, they raise no concerns.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
10/15 – 1/14		Festival Art Show winners	<i>Carole Jeffries</i> (oils)		<i>Jim Gabianelli</i> (machine art)	
01/15 – 04/15	<i>Michael Allison?</i> (wooden bowls)		<i>Murray Wachman</i> (oils)			
04/15 – 05/31	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					

8. Art events website. Jay reported that a listing of local arts events and/or links thereto could be incorporated at little cost into the Committee's page at the Town website. However, this page is not so easy to access and the Committee might want a different (& more costly) 'look'; cf. the Downtown Partnership's page. Jay will try to set up a meeting soon with the Town's IT people to explore options. Anke would like an arts listing page permitting users to access information about what's going on by date, type of event, location, etc. It may not be possible to do this without maintaining a listing of events, a labor-intensive project which nobody on the Committee seems willing to take on.

9. Adjourned at 8:12p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 05 February 2013.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 10 January 2013; approved 05 March 2013.