

**ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE**  
 Meeting of Tuesday, 05 February 2013  
 Mansfield Community Center (MCC) Conference Room

MINUTES

1. The meeting was **called to order** at 7:02p by Tom Bruhn. *Members present:* Tom Bruhn, Scott Lehmann. *Members absent:* Kim Bova, Anke Finger, David Vaughan. *Others present:* Jay O’Keefe (staff). The absence of a quorum was noted.
  
2. Consideration of the draft **minutes** of the 08 January 2013 meeting was deferred to a meeting attended by enough members to do business.
  
3. **Art for Town Hall.** Tom has toured the hallways of the Town Hall with Maria Caprioli to see where art works acquired by or loaned to the Town might be hung. He reported that relatively few sections of wall seem suitable for displaying art. Lighting would need to be upgraded only in these areas. Mounting could be from rails installed near the suspended ceiling (as at the MCC), or perhaps on wires secured above and threaded through the ceiling. Tom recommended that the Town be very selective about what donations or loans of art to accept, that it limit the number of works accepted from any one artist, and that it reserve the right to return or otherwise dispose of works after (say) ten years. The Committee could receive applications for donation or loan of art for the Town Hall and make recommendations to the Town Manager. Tom will try to write out some ideas for an art donation policy for the March meeting.
  
4. **Art website update.** Jay, Kim, and Anke have met with the Town’s IT people to explore setting up and formatting a local arts page on the Town’s website. It is possible to address such a page (e.g., as [www.mansfieldct.gov/arts](http://www.mansfieldct.gov/arts)) so that users don’t have to wend their way through menus on the Town’s website in order to get there. The kind of page that seems feasible would link to arts information on external websites; neither the IT Department nor the Committee is prepared to maintain a calendar of arts events.
  
5. **Mansfield Library.** The Mansfield Library, having invested in a hanging system, would welcome more exhibits of art there and has asked the Committee to help advertise this opportunity to artists. It also suggests making it easier to apply to exhibit art with an online application form (which could be done, according to the IT people).
  
6. **MCC exhibit applications.** No new applications have been received. Scott reported that **Lisa Yang** has sent files of the photos she proposes to exhibit in the sitting room & hallway in the summer quarter (01 Jun to 15 Aug) and that they look fine. He will forward them to Committee members.

Exhibit Period	Entry cases		Sitting room		Hallway	
	Double-sided	Shelves	Upper (5)	Lower (3)	Long (5)	Short (2)
01/15 – 04/15	<i>Michael Allison</i> (wooden bowls)		<i>Murray Wachman</i> (oils)			
04/15 – 05/31	<i>Mansfield School Art?</i>					
06/01 – 08/15				<i>Lisa Yang?</i> (photos)		

7. **Art display thank-you cards.** Jay suggested that the Committee consider sending artists

who exhibit at the MCC a “thank you for sharing your art with the community” card. A brief message to this effect could be hand-written on a blank MCC card and signed by Committee members at a meeting. Scott & Tom agreed that this was a good idea.

**8. NEA Grants.** Jay suggested that the Committee look into National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) grants to “Local Arts Agencies” as a possible funding source for an arts project at the new Storrs Center development. See [arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html](http://arts.gov/grants/apply/index.html)

**9. Adjourned** at 7:38p. Next meeting: 7:00p, Tuesday, 05 March 2013.

Scott Lehmann, Secretary, 14 February 2013; approved 05 March 2013.