

**Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 27, 2015, 6:30pm**  
**Minutes**

Attendees:

Art Center: Director Liz Henzey, Assistant Director Trudy Babchak, Ceramics Department Manager Christina McCleary, Daytime and Youth Programs Coordinator Monica Herber.

Board Members: Molly Miller Chair, Deanna Williford, Judith Neckritz, Dennis Gilbert, Adam Goode. Marlene Jackson, Sue Nicholson, and Winnie Coggins. Columbia Association Board of Directors Representative Andrew Stack

Not In Attendance: Janet Brady, Robert Coe, Nicole Patterson, Carol Zika

Molly Miller, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30pm and introductions were made.

Andrew Stack gave an overview status of Columbia Association activities and how they pertain to the arts community, Long Reach Village enhancements, and Columbia's downtown construction.

- Discussion by Advisory Committee members focused on possibly including an arts component to the new welcome center that is being developed for downtown Columbia.
- Long Reach Village's Plan anticipated to be released by Howard County Government for November.
- Inner Arbor construction progress discussed.

Liz Henzey shared with the Advisory Committee updates regarding Art Center renovations and new facility signage. Suggestions were made that the Art Center research highway signage that would identify the Art Center from Rt 175 and Snowden Parkway.

Trudy Babchak discussed Fall exhibitions: ManneqART, Erase Hate Through Art, Julie Gross and Geraldine Butler painting shows and the upcoming holiday venue Singular Sensations. A reminder that drop-off for the Singular Sensations ends Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>. There will be no entry fee for the show this year, but the Art center will take a commission on sales. It was suggested by Judy Neckritz to include a kid's art wrapping paper station for sales and display.

Liz Henzey and Trudy Babchak shared the programs developed for the Salon Series and the new directions for several offerings of the series.

Christina McCleary shared that the Ceramics Department's fundraising event Empty Bowls raised more than \$5,100 with the sales of bowls and Empty Bowl t-shirts for Grassroots Intervention Center of Howard County. Additional bowls will be available for sale in Columbia Art Center's Window Gallery through November 2. It was suggested that any remaining bowls be included in the Singular Sensations show to continue fundraising for Grassroots.

Monica Herber updated the committee on the Youth Department programs and special daytime programs offerings. Highlights include: twenty plus children participating daily in the school's out program for September and October. She also shared an update that the Youth Department was partnering with the East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library System with a new afterschool pre-teen program with Art Center instructor and Advisory Committee member Adam Goode.

Liz Henzey opened the discussion on promotional efforts for Columbia Art Center. The monthly Pardot Newsletter and promotional materials (flyers, postcards) were discussed.

The community arts outreach discussion included possible collaborative efforts with galleries in Ellicott City (Still Life Gallery and Horse Spirit Gallery) and the next rotations of art for Haven on the Lake and Hobbits Glen Golf Club.

Monica Herber described the free Family Art Frenzy offered by the Art Center on the second Sunday of the month. Sue Nicholson mentioned the Meeting House exhibits at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center and potential for more participation by the Art Center community. Winnie Coggins reminded everyone of the Artfully Wilde show to be held on November 11. Deanna Williford mentioned the Baltimore Watercolor show reception at Slayton House for November 8. Marlene Jackson discussed the La Chic Academy for Girl Empowerment program she sponsors that is held at Columbia Art Center. Judith Neckritz discussed the new art center being developed in River Hill and encouraged Columbia Art Center to reach out to it about possible partnerships.

Last on the agenda was the discussion of Columbia's 50<sup>th</sup> Birthday celebration and Columbia Art Center's involvement. Possible events include a theme photography show, and an open studio tour.

Molly concluded the meeting at 8:20pm with the direction to think more about Columbia's 50th Birthday celebration in 2017 and how the Art Center can participate.

The next Advisory Committee meeting will be held at Columbia Art Center on January 26, 2016 at 6:30pm.