

**Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Wednesday, March 2, 2016, 6:30pm**

Minutes

Attendance: Joyce Bell, Robert Coe, Winnie Coggins, Lynn Foehrkolb (new member), Dennis Gilbert, Adam Goode, Barbara Herschman, Nicole Patterson, Chaya Schapiro, Suzanne Waller, Deanna Williford, and Janet Evans, Long Reach Representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors

Staff In Attendance: Liz Henzey, Trudy Babchak, Christina McCleary, and Monica Herber

Advisory Committee Members Not In Attendance: Janet Brady, Marlene Jackson, Molly Miller, Judi Neckritz, Sue Nicholson, George Sakkal, and Carol Zika

Welcome and Introductions:

The Advisory Committee welcomed Columbia Association (CA) Board member Janet Evans. As the Long Reach Representative on CA's Board, she serves as its liaison to Columbia Art Center's Advisory Committee.

New Advisory Committee member, Lynn Foehrkolb was welcomed. Lynn is a longtime ceramics student and will be a student representative on the Advisory Committee.

Update on Columbia Association Topics:

CA Board member Janet Evans shared updates that the new CA FY17 budget was approved. An indoor tennis location will be constructed in the Long Reach area. Lynn also shared about the revitalization plans for Long Reach Village and the forthcoming meetings with Howard County Government representatives to determine if the site can be approved as a sustainable site for potential grant funding. Janet also shared that Columbia's 50th birthday is coming up in 2017 and that a variety of community projects and events are being planned.

Exhibitions Update:

Liz, Art Center Director, and Trudy, Assistant Director, discussed the fall 2015 exhibitions (rug-hooking and painting), as well as the winter 2016 Festival partnership exhibition Beyond the Blues. The Beyond the Blues show generated positive gallery sales and steady viewership to the galleries, as well as several community events such as a ticketed concert sponsored by Columbia Festival of the Arts.

Salon Series Update:

Liz and Trudy shared about the popularity of the salon series which ran in the fall of 2015. Upcoming 2016 presentations included Bollywood dancing and a film discussion. With the salon series committee changing membership, several members of the Advisory Committee volunteered to participate on the committee, including Winnie Coggins and Adam Goode.

Ceramics Department Update:

Christina, Ceramics Manager, discussed plans for partnering with Columbia Association on several 50th Birthday events including a retrospective invitational art show slated for May 2017. The show will be called ARTrospective and feature works by the instructors and students of Columbia Art Center from its inception in the early 1980s. The Ceramics Department is also partnering with Columbia Archives by creating handcrafted mugs that will be for sale during Columbia's 50th Birthday celebration.

Youth Department Update:

Monica, Daytime Program Coordinator, discussed the January 2016 partnership gallery show with the Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) that showcased more than 150 works in the Main and Window Galleries. She also discussed the success of the Choose Civility theme art show and competition which was done through a partnership with the Howard County Public Library System (HCPLS). More than 45 works were on display in this annual theme competition show. Monica promoted the upcoming Youth Springfest Open House slated for April 2 with free art activities and demonstrations for families and youth. Monica further shared about a workshop partnership with the HCPLS with programs for teens to learn manga comic drawing and computer graphics.

Promotional Efforts:

The Advisory Committee was updated on the monthly CA Pardot email that goes to the Art Center's database regarding programs and special events. Columbia Art Center's landing page on CA's website is also being updated as part of CA's website extensive enhancements.

Community Arts Partnerships:

Liz and Trudy shared about ARTreach coming up on June 11, 2016. The one-day outdoor festival marks the second year of this community event which provides free art activities, music, food trucks, and community booths. The event is sponsored by Howard County Arts Council, Howard County Government, Columbia Festival of the Arts, Columbia Association, Long Reach Village Association, and Columbia Art Center. Columbia Art Center will host facility tours, hands-on wheel-throwing for visitors, fused glass and jewelry-making demonstrations and lots more!

Conclusion:

The Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 7:40pm. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 6:30pm.