

**Columbia Art Center  
Advisory Committee Meeting  
Monday, March 27, 2017, 6:30pm  
Minutes**

**Attendance:** Dennis Gilbert, Marlene Jackson, Nicole Patterson, Mark Russo, Doug Satteson, Deanna Williford, Carol Zika, and Janet Evans, Long Reach Representative on Columbia Association Board of Directors

**Staff in Attendance:** Liz Henzey, Monica Herber, Christina McCleary

**Advisory Committee Members not in Attendance:** Molly Miller, Janet Brady, Adam Goode, Joyce Bell, and Barbara Herschman

**Welcome and Introductions:**

Liz welcomed everyone to the meeting and members took turns introducing themselves. Liz shared that Mark Russo and Doug Satteson recently joined the Advisory Committee. Both Mark and Doug shared about themselves and discussed their interest in serving the Art Center.

**Review and Approval of 11/28/16 Minutes:**

The Advisory Committee reviewed and approved 11/28/16 minutes.

**Youth Department/Art Camp Update:**

Monica, programs manager, shared that the youth department offerings for the winter had gone well with 15 classes and workshops going. She shared that she and several of her department members had created and designed a youth mural on the lobby wall of Youth and Teen Center (YTC). It was then painted by the youth and teens who use the YTC. An opening ceremony for the mural debut was held in March. The mural was created in celebration of Columbia's 50th birthday and reflects various landmarks of Columbia in the design.

Monica shared that her department taught several art workshops at village centers, including a spring floral design workshop at Owen Brown Village and a paint night at Hickory Ridge Village.

Monica also shared that her team would be teaching several upcoming workshops for Thunderhill Elementary's annual Arts Integration Day in April. Other upcoming events include the Choose Civility theme show exhibit sponsored by the Howard County Library System. It will be showcased in the Art Center's Studio I Gallery during April. Lastly, she shared that Reservoir High School would feature a seniors art show in the Main and Window Galleries of the Columbia Art Center.

**Ceramics Department Update:**

Christina, ceramics manager, shared that plans for the ARTrospective Ceramics Invitational Exhibit were moving forward with more than 35 participants. The show will be held in May-June 2017. In commemoration of Columbia's 50th Birthday, the exhibit will showcase teachers and long-time students of Columbia Art Center dating back to its inception in the early 1980s. A reception for the show will be held May 20, 6-9pm. A panel discussion by several of the participants will be held June 5 as part of Columbia's monthly salon series.

Christina further shared that the ceramics department would be participating in the Columbia Festival of the Arts Lakefest with a booth showcasing the current students' and teachers' works that would be for sale.

Christina also shared that mugs commemorating Columbia's 50th birthday were for sale at Columbia Association headquarters and also in the Art Center gift shop. Sponsored by the Columbia Archives, the mugs were created by Art Center instructor and artist Joe Vitek. The ceramics studio is donating the clay, glazes, materials, and firings to help with this community project.

**Update on Healing Hands Art Show:**

Liz, Art Center manager, shared that more than 55 community artists would be featured in the annual Blossoms of Hope theme invitational show in April. The 2017 theme is Healing Hands/Words of Inspiration. This year's show expanded its partnerships to include Howard County Poetry and Literature Society (HoCoPoLitSo) and the Volunteer Center Serving Howard County. Each artwork will be accompanied by a poem or words of inspiration contributed by area writers and poets. A reception for the show will be held April 7, 6-8pm.

**Update on Reading Series:**

Liz shared that HoCoPoLitSo's monthly reading series was going well with an average of 15-20 attendees. Each presentation includes two authors discussing their current published works, as well as an open mic segment.

**Conclusion:**

The Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 7:35pm. The next meeting will be on June 13, at 6:30pm in Columbia Art Center Studio I.