

Columbia Art Center
Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, March 12, 2018, 6:30pm
Minutes

Attendance: Trudy Babchak, Lynn Foehrkolb, Dennis Gilbert, Liz Henzey, Monica Herber, Barbara Herschman, Barbara Kellner, Christina McCleary,

Advisory Committee Members not in Attendance: Robert Coe, Barbara Herschman, Marlene Jackson, Molly Miller, Mark Russo, Nicole Patterson, Doug Satteson, Chaya Schapiro, Suzanne Waller, Deanna Williford, and Carol Zika.

Introductions

Liz welcomed the Advisory Committee and had everyone introduce themselves. Liz introduced local historian and arts advocate Barbara Kellner, who recently became a member of the Art Center's Advisory Committee.

Monica Herber, Programs Manager updated the members that Family Art Frenzy continues to attract 10-20 people per monthly session. Winter classes have had positive enrollment with 5 classes going. Both the YTC monthly Art Attack and the Art Center's ongoing School's Out program participated in the HCPLS Choose Civility Poster Competition and created art works inspired by the 2018 theme: Kindness Creates Community. Monica further shared that the Reservoir High School's Advanced Photography show is on display in the Studio I Gallery through March. More than 40 people attended the reception for the high school show.

Monica updated the members that the monthly Salon Series, co-sponsored by Little Patuxent Review, has had good attendance during the winter. More than 25 people attended the February 5 young adult novelist panel discussion, and 35 attendees came to the Black Books Live: A Literary Podcast on Saturday, Feb 10th at 6pm. On Monday, March 5, recognized musicians Seth Kibel and Sean Lane discussed the history of Bebop music and performed a variety of Bebop songs. More than 28 guest attended. The upcoming salon series on April 5th the Salon will host Mike Giuliano and Maria Westhaver talking about their favorite film stars.

Christina McCleary, Ceramics Manager updated the group on the filming by the Fort Meade military film class of the ceramics studio, teachers, staff, and students. Ryan Mancuso lead the group who filmed on Tuesday March 13. The documentary went great and the footage included demonstrations, action shots, and interviews with staff and students came together extremely well. This group actually won the award for the best one in their class. They will be giving us the completed video to use as we wish.

There was also extensive discussion on how the plans for the proposed new development can meet the needs of the ceramics department. Issues such as space needs, kiln (gas and electric) needs, air ventilation, storage, hazmat and drainage requirements, chemical lab configuration and storage, etc. were reviewed.

Trudy Babchak, Gallery and Events Specialist, reported on the follow-up meeting for Color Columbia, Plein Air Paint Out and Exhibition 2017. The following people attended the meeting on January 23: Trudy Babchak, organizer, Leslie Barnett, Joyce Bell, Maryls East, Liz Henzey, Barbara Kellner, Stephanie Lyon and Deborah Maklowski. Each attendee reported that the event was a success and would like it to continue as a yearly

event. Discussion centered on additional locations for the Paint Out, more port-a-potties placed in strategic places, time and date scheduling, publicity concerns and logistical updates.

The Maryland Society of Portrait Painters presented a juried group exhibition February 8-March 4. The show featured art works in all media, including oil, watercolor, pastel, drawing and sculpture. This high-quality exhibit featured about 40 artists with one or two works each. Approximately 90 people attended the reception on February 11.

March 8 through April 1 the Art Center showcased the works of two artists, Fariba Gheisour in the Main Gallery and Joanna Barnum in the Window Gallery. Fariba exhibited about 25 works in oil, pastel and watercolor. Her subject matter ranged from landscapes and still lifes to portraiture. Joanna exhibited about 18 works featuring watercolor portraits painted in an abstract manner. The reception on March 11 received about 70 people.

The Ninth Annual Blossoms of Hope theme exhibition is currently running April 13 - May 6. The 2018 theme: Dancing for Claudia through Words and Art inspired approximately 50 artists and 60 writers to participate. Artists chose from submitted writings to inspire their art works. The art and corresponding writings are presented side by side. Certificate awards were presented for best art, writing and combination of art and writing. The reception on May 13 held about 100 people.

Advisory Committee Charge: Feasibility and Possibility of Having Public Art on Columbia

Association property: The group discussed possible locations for public art including open space along the paths near the lakes and entrance areas to several Columbia Association facilities. The group shared thoughts and opinions on the advantages of pursuing a permanent installation versus a temporary display. The group discussed the process for this project and aspects that it would entail. Liz shared information given to her from other arts organizations regarding outdoor public art installations. Discussion of this charge will continue.

Conclusion:

Liz concluded the meeting at 7:30pm. The next Advisory Committee meeting will be on Monday, May 14 at 6:30pm.