

Columbia Art Center Advisory Committee
Annual Report – FY22
(May 1, 2021-April 30, 2022)

Members – FY22

Lynn Foehrkolb, Committee Chair
Liz Henzey, Art Center Director and Staff Liaison
Janet Evans, CA Board Liaison (Long Reach)
Trudy Babchak Nicole Paterson
Chelsea Bork Doug Satteson
Janet Brady Chaya Schapiro
Robert Coe Suzanne Waller
Dennis Gilbert Carol Zika

The Committee met 3 times during FY22.

A. Committee Accomplishments for FY22 (Fiscal year just ended):

- The Advisory Committee elected a new chair, Lynn Foehrkolb, in June 2021, who represented the Art Center at the July 2021 Columbia Association (CA) Board of Directors meeting by presenting its annual report for the past year.
- The Advisory Committee successfully supported the following events:
 - **In House Events**
 - Fluidity Watercolor Show (Sept)
 - Holiday Ceramics Show (Dec)
 - Black History Month Exhibit (Feb)
 - Visionary Women Themed Show (March)
 - Blossoms of Hope Themed Show (April).
 - **Community Outreach Events**
 - Festival of the Arts in Long Reach (Sept)
 - Columbia Mall's 50th Birthday (Oct)
 - Veterans' Day celebration Card-Making Station at Lake Kittamaquondi (Nov)
- The Advisory Committee provided support to the small team at the Art Center by:
 - Helping with re-organization of studios and storage spaces launched in the 4th quarter of FY22
 - Helping the Art Center offer classes in more spacious, clean, and aesthetically pleasing rooms.
 - Enabling the Art Center team to make more efficient use of its art materials and inventory of supplies.

B. Proposed Charges for FY23

- Provide direction and feedback to CA as it supports the Art Center in creating programs and events that align effectively with CA's mission and goals.
- Support CA's efforts to expand awareness about the Art Center in the community through enhanced promotional and marketing strategies.
- Provide guidance to CA as it develops new and timely Art Center offerings that effectively serve the growing needs of the community and the changing demographics.

C. Committee Recommendations for Consideration by CA Board

1. **Staffing** – Five devoted staff members have held the Art Center together during the pandemic closings and subsequent openings. They have tirelessly devoted many hours, to keep the Art Center going because they believed in its value. We need them to stay on, continue to provide opportunities for our students, and develop even better ways to run our programs. They are essential for the Center, and we are asking that additional qualified staff be hired to support them and excited that there are plans underway to bring on more team members.

D. A Word of Thanks

1. In closing, the Committee would like to thank Janet Evans for her knowledge and guidance as our liaison to the Board over the past years. She's been an invaluable resource to us.
2. And a big thank you for the new kilns. I only wish you could all have seen the delight and gratitude on the faces of the staff and ceramics students as the kilns were delivered and put into use. We so appreciate them!

Committee Charge approved by CA Board _____, 2022

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