

## MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

July 11, 2017, 5:30 P.M.

Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings, Charlene Briggs, Brenda Kowalsky

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert, Pat Schmidt

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Jane Strnad Nelson

### Minutes

Fuf amended the June 6 minutes to correct the spelling of Jane Strnad Nelson. Brenda motioned to approve the mended minutes, Angie seconded, all in favor.

### Sculpture Committee

Brenda let the council know the cement has been poured. Brenda and Jay Moore met with Reinaldo Correa regarding the "Prairie Revival" sculpture. The colors for the sculpture will be a matte green and goldish yellow. The goal for the installation of both pieces is August 19. This is the date of the Picnic on the Prairie.

### Exhibits

Iowa Art Quilters are exhibiting in July/August. Their exhibit began July 1 and will go to August 26. The reception will be July 13. Angie, Fuf and Dennis will be able to help at the reception. The Creative Artists of Iowa will exhibit in September/October along with Lori Kidd, a jewelry artist. John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery and 3D artist, will exhibit in November/December/January. A retired graphic design artist is considering exhibiting at this time also.

Goodwill Day Hab CR will exhibit in August on the school exhibit wall and will have a daytime reception.

### Coffeehouse Night

The 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights will be October 6, November 10, December 1, February 2, March 2, and April 6. Jonny Lipford will perform on October 6. Tom's Guitar, Tom Nothnagle, will perform on November 10. The December 1 performer will be Anji Kat.

### Hotel/Motel Money – Picnic in the Prairie Concert

The June 17 concert was well attended with 300 to 350 people. The council received positive feedback regarding the concert.

### Hotel/Motel 2017-2018 Money

Fuf informed the council they were awarded \$5,500. The Picnic on the Prairie Spring Concert will be June 16, 2018. The Fall Picnic of the Prairie Concert will be August 18, 2018.

### Picnic in the Prairie Fall Concert

The Picnic on the Prairie Fall Concert will be Saturday, August 19. The performers for the concert consists of the group of Natalie Brown, Carlis Faurot, Mike Maas, Ben Soltau, and John O'Connell. It will cost \$1,000 for the entertainment and no port-a-pots are needed for this event. The council decided to have 2 off duty security officers for the event.

### Plein Air Workshop

The workshop will be held on Saturday, August 19. It will be a one day workshop. Gordon Kellenberger is the instructor. People need to sign up before the date but can pay the day of the workshop. Currently, 6 people have signed up for the workshop.

### Budget

Next year's budget includes a Bunn Commercial 3 Pot Coffee Maker, new tablecloths and more art hanger rods. The council will want to order these items by the middle of September. The tablecloths will be sent to the cleaners before the first Coffeehouse Night performance in the fall.

### Old Business

Fuf moved to approve Jane Strnad Nelson as a Marion Art Council member, Angie seconded, all is favor. Mary Ann will let Mike Carolan, the Park Director, know the committee recommends Jane Strnad Nelson to become a Marion Art Council member.

### New Business

Angie was wondering about the deadlines to send information to Karlene Hummel to be included in the monthly newsletter she sends.

The IT Department was wondering how often the council used their computer. They do use the computer to print labels for exhibits, during meetings and the internet now since the building has WIFI.

Brenda suggested having an informational map for the sculpture trail installations. Charlene expanded on the idea by suggesting a downloadable map online.

### Adjournment

**Next meeting - Tuesday, August 8, at 5:30 p.m.  
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center**



# Plein Air Workshop



Lowe Park Arts & Environment Center

Saturday, August 19

9:00 to 3:30

Gordon Kellenberger - Instructor

“My inspiration comes from what I know best; the earth and architecture of the upper Midwest region offered in an endless variety of changing light, color, and topography. I tend to simplify my subjects and infuse them with bright and fresh colors. The resulting intensity and richness convey my delight in painting and my desire to express something good about rural America. My work begins with a sound structure or composition and then becomes a work of contrasts; light against dark, warm against cool, sharp against soft, rough against smooth, organic against geometric... this along with the immediacy and intensity of the pastel medium makes painting both challenging and enjoyable.”

Come work with other aspiring artists.

Enjoy the beautiful Lowe Park setting

Work in any media you wish.

We will hold the workshop rain or shine!

***Cost: \$25 – Payable that day!***

***Make checks to: Marion Recreation Dept.***

***Day's Schedule:***

\*9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

\*Lunch break from 11:30 – 12:15 /12:30

\*Gordon will start with an introduction.

\*Short discussion and demonstration.

\*Participants choose medium they wish.

\*Gordon meets with each person as they work.

What to Bring:

\*Art materials & equipment to work outdoors

\*Lunch

\*Landscape photos in case of rain

\*We will also have extra landscape photos to use

***For Information & Registration***

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Please register by August 17.

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