

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

August 8, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings, Charlene Briggs, Pat Schmidt, Jane Strnad Nelson

ABSENT: Dennis Frevert, Brenda Kowalsky

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS:

Minutes

Jane Strnad Nelson mentioned her name was not hyphenated as was indicated in the July 11 minutes. Angie motioned to approve the mended minutes with the correct spelling, Pat seconded, all in favor.

Fuf welcomed Jane as the newest member of the Marion Art Council.

Sculpture Committee

Pat updated the council on the sculpture trail. The "Disappearing Culture" sculpture by J. Aaron Alderman will be installed on August 10. The "Prairie Revival" by Reinaldo Correa at the entrance of Lowe Park will be installed at a later date to be announced. The ribbon cutting for both sculptures will be done at the same time and will be discussed at the September meeting. Pat will have Brenda email everyone an update on the sculptures and include landscape plans for the "Prairie Revival" sculpture.

Exhibits

Iowa Art Quilters are exhibiting in July/August. Their exhibit began July 1 and will go to August 26. The reception was July 13 and had a small turn-out. The artists present shared lots of interesting information on quilts and the artists. 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 and will confirm with Fuf his decision.

Goodwill Day Hab CR has an exhibit in August on the school exhibit wall. The reception will be August 9 at 12:45 which Fuf will handle.

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. Angie reminded the council Brenda will be making 1 flyer for the October, November and December Coffeehouse Night with all of the performer's information on it.

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. Off duty police officers are hired to help at the event beginning with parking. Pat will be the council member helping with the parking. Angie will meet the sound person at 3:30.

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, 12 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. Fuf and Angie will be ordering these items at the end of August. The tablecloths will be sent to the cleaners before the first Coffeehouse Night performance in the fall.

Old Business

None.

New Business

Red Cedar Chamber would like to host a January 25 concert instead of one in March/April. The council approved changing the date of the concert.

Adjournment

**Next meeting - Tuesday, September 12, at 5:30 p.m.
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Plein Air Workshop



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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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