

**Sammamish Art Commission
Meeting
July 20, 2009
Sammamish City Hall
6:30pm**

Attendance

Commissioners: Barbara Jirsa, Kent Greene, Carol Ross, Deborah Akerstrom, Daphne Robinson, Bala Subramanian

Staff: Lyman Howard

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order 6:45pm following jurying of the 10th Anniversary Student Art Contest by the Commission. The national Reflections Program criteria and process was followed in selecting the three awards of merit.

Approval of the Minutes

E-mail approval of June 15, 2009 minutes was reported.

Finance Report

Financial Report was presented by Lyman Howard. Spending to date: \$6,736.92. Remaining budget: \$14,063.08.

Discussion was held regarding the handling of receipts and submission of expenses for Commission expenditures. Daphne Robinson has agreed to serve as the Treasurer for the remainder of the year and to organizing the expense process. Kent Greene has agreed to assume the secretary's roll for the rest of the year.

Arts Calendar

Bala Subramanian has recommended a hosted solution (Share Point) for the proposed City Arts Calendar. Discussion was held regarding the need for a volunteer to do entry work once the site is live. Also discussed was devising a process for gathering information and for driving traffic to the site. It was determined that event listings would be those organized by Sammamish groups, Sammamish partnership events or events held in the City of Sammamish. Articles in the City Newsletter and submissions to local papers will help to promote the resource.

Eco Art

Carol Ross was thanked for her work in organizing ECO ART exhibit. The opening reception was a great success. Visitors to the Commons Gallery have been a steady stream and there has been much positive feedback from the City staff and the public. It is hoped that this type of exhibit can be offered every few years.

Saree Exhibit

Bala Subramanian, Barbara Jirsa and Vinita Karum will work on coordinating the next exhibit with a focus on Indian culture and the beautiful sari. Music, dance and food will be incorporated. Installation for the exhibition is set for Monday, September 14 and the opening reception to be in conjunction with the Wednesday Farmer's Market on September 16.

Simple Measures Performance

Daphne reported that she is working to communicate with Simple Measures musical group to find a date for a performance. There is interest in creating a series events for a smaller audience (100) that would involve different art forms and a student connection.

Proposed Committee Structure for Arts Commission

Further discussion was held regarding specific committees related to cultural disciplines. If approved, recruitment for committees for Visual Arts/Art Fair, Exhibits, Performing Arts,

Literary/Cultural, Children/Youth Experiences, and Technology/PR could begin in the fall. Each committee would encourage community participation and support for their area of interest.

Art Donation Policy

A policy to handle requests for the donation of artwork has been submitted to City staff for consideration.

Arts Commission Display and Printed Materials

A style sheet and policies for all printed materials needs to be developed for consistency with a proofing procedure set in place. The hope is that the Technology/PR Committee, when established, can tackle the issue.

Volunteer Hours

A request was made of each Commissioner to send their volunteer hour count to Dawn Sanders.

Meeting adjourned 8:00pm