

## **Village of Hastings-On-Hudson Hastings-on-Hudson Village Arts Commission**

### **February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes**

**In Attendance:** Jane Cameron, Bruce Levy, Nancy DeNatale, Daniel Markham, Lisa Oswald and Susan Soriano. A quorum was in order.

Bruce Levy called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm in the second floor conference room of the Municipal Building at 7 Maple Avenue, Hastings-On-Hudson, NY.

#### **I Current Programs & Events:**

##### **Village Gallery Exhibition Updates:**

- Chloe Sikirica's monotype and encaustics opening reception was held on February 5, 2017. Show will be removed on March 24. One print sold at the opening. Kit to confirm the commission amount.
- The following month's exhibit is the annual River Arts Studio Tour Preview which installs March 25 and hangs through April 30. Kit Demerdelin is coordinating the installation with River Arts and will confirm the opening reception date with Village Hall.
- Hastings artist Joe Gutowski's painting show is being curated by Jane Cameron and Kit Demerdelin. They will visit his studio this week to make the final selections. Joe will hang his show on May 1, with an opening on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 4-6 pm.
- The exhibit calendar is committed through the end of June 2017, with an open spot in July-August.
- Daniel Markham suggested Hastings artist Edward "Bear" Miller, an oil painter, for a show in the open July – August time slot. He will make the official invitation and report back to the Commission. We are looking for an artist to fill the November-December time slot. We discussed the possibility of inviting Hastings artist John Maggiotto to exhibit or possibly organize a photography show.
- Lisa Oswald presented the proposal for a joint show with the Hastings Historical Society called "How High The Moon," combining a historical narrative of Henry Draper's lunar history in Hastings and a curated moon-themed art show. Show will run September 1 - October 31. Opening reception is Thursday, September 7 from 4-6 pm, the day after the Harvest Moon. Lisa reviewed the call to artists' details. Both documents will be finalized and released this week. A lecture at the Hastings Library in October on the "Hidden Figures of Hastings," referring to Draper and his wife, is also proposed. Susan Soriano is co-curating the art show with Lisa. Nancy DeNatale reminded the Commission the HHS has a supply of steel hanging rods available for larger, heavier artworks.

**Rotating Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit (ROSE) Updates:** No updates on plans for new installations.

#### **II New Program Planning:**

**Arts Commission Postcard:** Lisa reported the card art is ready to be submitted and has been held back pending a discussion about creating an identity for the Commission. Lisa agreed to reconnect with Suzanne Levine to re-start the art show banner project and now an identity project.

**Riverview Park:** Nancy reported the art installation has been a bit delayed. No new decisions were made on our participation.

**Art Gallery Week:** Susan Soriano will continue to pursue the idea. Upstream Gallery is open to the idea. We agreed to include Riverrun bookstore.

#### **III Administrative:**

**Village Hall Lighting:** Additional track lighting fixtures were installed on the ground floor in February and the Village covered the \$1,495 expense for materials and labor. The job is complete.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bruce reported an account balance of \$2019.46 (subject to verification).

**Elections:** Elections will be held at the March 2017 meeting and commissioners will be approved by the new Board of Trustees thereafter. Nominations are due to Bruce Levy by email prior to March 20. Lisa will send the schedule of terms to the commissioners with the March minutes.

**Village Budget Request:**

Allowance for Openings: Bruce confirmed a budget request to the Village for funding \$125 for each of our six shows for the 2017-2018 year to cover opening reception and/or materials costs, and an additional \$750.00 dedicated to new signage.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is Monday, March 20, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald  
Secretary