

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

April 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

In Attendance: Jane Cameron, Kit Demirdelen, Bruce Levy, Susan Soriano and Lisa Oswald. 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 on April 17, 2017.

I. Current Programs and Events:

Village Hall Gallery (VHG):

The River Arts Studio Preview Tour: Lisa Oswald asked Kit Demirdelen to arrange with Village clerk and police department to keep the Village Hall door unlocked and the lights on for the Studio Tour on Sunday, April 23rd. Kit reported a successful reception. Kit painted touched-up the walls when the show was hung. The show will be removed on April 30, 2017. Bruce will confirm with the Building Department inspector who and when the wall repair work (patching/painting) will be done between May 1 and May 5, 2017 (between shows). Kit purchased 20 hanging wires and will give the receipt for reimbursement to the Village Clerk. A discussion followed about how much the repairs will cost. Bruce will confirm.

The Commission agreed to add a clause to the artist's contract specifying artists are responsible to cover costs of repairing walls for plaster or paint damage if the walls are not in the same condition when a show is removed as when the show was hung. Repairs are expected to be complete within 48 hours. The curator and the artist will inspect the gallery walls before the show is hung and after removal. The spare wall paint is in the Police Department. Bruce will modify the contract.

Joe Gutowski Show: Kit and Jane Cameron confirmed the show will be hung Friday, May 5, 2017 with the opening on Sunday, May 7, 2017 from 4-6 pm directly following the Spring Thing event on Main Street. Show comes down on June 30, 2017. We need a volunteer to help remove the show since Jane and Kit will be away. Nancy DeNatale offered to help at the last meeting and we'll ask her to supervise the show removal.

Edward Bear Miller: Dan Markham is the project manager for the July-August show. Dan and Lisa are trying to coordinate a date to view/select paintings for the show.

How High The Moon: Lisa and Susan Soriano reported the Call For Artists has resulted in five artist entries and another five promised so far. Kit reported there is buzz around town for artists' submissions. The Mayor sent a village-wide call for artists e-blast. The second planning meeting with Natalie Barry, HHS President, and Jan Clough, HHS board member, was held April 11. Four companion events are planned:

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| Show hanging: | TBD to work around Labor Day |
| Opening: | Sept. 7 – Thursday, 6-8 pm |
| Poetry Workshop: | Sept. 10 – Sunday, time TBD, Orr Room, Hastings Library |
| Dava Sobel Lecture: | Sept. 24 – Sunday, 2-4 pm (includes post-lecture reception), Orr Room |
| Kid's Arts & Crafts: | Oct. 14 – Saturday, 10-12 noon, Farmers Market |
| Moon Gazing: | Oct. 28 – Saturday, 9 pm, Draper Park (family event) |
| Show removal: | Oct. 31 or TBD to work around Halloween |

Lisa reviewed a draft budget. It appears between expected entry fee income, Village budget for signage and receptions, and our current balance, we can fund the show. We will continue to talk to HHS about in-kind donations. Lisa reviewed a list of volunteer tasks to support the event. Lisa will send the Commission a one-page flyer to distribute to artists of interest on the River Arts Studio Tour weekend April 22-23, 2017.

Eleni LaSenna Paintings: This Irvington artist agreed to a November – December 2017 show. Kit Demirdelen is the project manager. Her art is currently hanging at Garrison Art Center.

II. New Program Planning:

The Commission passed on extending a show invitation to photographer Fred Charles.

Jane Cameron spoke with Louis Perlman of Blue Door Gallery in Yonkers and Upstream Gallery member who suggested we consider a traveling show, meaning mounting a Blue Door show at VHG. The Commission likes the concept, given the theme and caliber of the art is up to our standards. Jane will get a copy of the Gallery's 2018 calendar as a start.

Nancy DeNatale suggested via email that we consider Claudia Steinberg, a deceased Hastings artist. We'll wait for Nancy to discuss the idea at the next meeting.

Lisa will bring Suzanne Levine's design for an "evergreen" banner and postcard to promote art shows at Village Hall to the next meeting.

NEA Arts Grant: Bruce reported the grant application has not been acted on yet, as reported by NEA in a letter dated April 6, 2017 to Steve Zeitlin.

The Right To Bear Arts: This opportunity was forwarded by Trustee Nicky Armacost, and the Commission agreed to support the opposition to the President's budget cuts, which involves a BOT resolution. Bruce will investigate next steps.

Outdoor Sculpture (ROSE):

The Commission approved the idea to invite Hastings sculptor Bill Logan to place the new sculpture on display in his yard on the Library lawn, and possibly place a second companion piece at the Library or in the park at the corner of Broadway and Warburton Avenue. Susan Soriano will inquire with the Logan's.

IV. Treasurer's Report:

Bruce had no new update on our current balance.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm. The next meeting of the Arts Commission is May 15, 2017 at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Oswald
Secretary