

CAPE ELIZABETH ARTS COMMISSION

Cape Elizabeth Arts Commission (CEAC) Minutes of the April 14, 2009 Meeting

Genesta Berry called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M

Present were Commission members, Genesta Berry, Chair, RuthAnne Haley, Vice Chair, Wendy Seltzer, Treasurer, Janice Reale, Secretary, Adam Weiner, Grant Program Coordinator and Chris Gebhart, Assistant Gallery Manager. Absent were Julie Rieger, Curator of Town Owned Art and Jay Scherma, Library Director.

The March Secretary's report was reviewed. Motion was made for the minutes to be accepted. Motion passed.

Wendy Seltzer issued the Treasurer's report. In March \$1,200 was disbursed to the 2009 Spring Arts Grant recipient, Playwright, Claire Melley Smith. The remaining CEAC balance is \$550.

The Thomas Memorial Library Gallery Exhibit schedule was reviewed. The Gallery schedule is full for year 2009 and now into year 2010. The current April exhibit is by painters Mary Hall and Jack Riddle. Their Gallery opening is scheduled for Friday, April 17 at 5:30 P.M. Julie Rieger is scheduled to be the CEAC chaperone, pending confirmation. Genesta reviewed guidelines for chaperone responsibilities.

Fiber Artist, Meredith Tipton, is now confirmed as the second artist in the June exhibit.

The inventory of Town owned artwork was discussed. It is an ongoing project. The Commission discussed organizing the inventory process by each town building. Documentation for insurance purposes will be focused on art the Town purchased and the amount paid for each piece. Chris Gebhart and Janice Reale offered to assist Julie Rieger with the inventory project. A committee will be formed with Julie as Chairperson. A motion was made to further discuss the project at the next meeting when Julie is present. Motion passed.

Chris Gebhart reported that he met with Wendy Derzawiec, the CE Town Website Master. Artists will now have the opportunity to apply to the Town Web site if they want to display their art exhibit on the CE Town Web site during their exhibit month. Wendy will issue the artists submitted image slide show for the month of the artists exhibit. Chris will draft an application form for review by CEAC and Wendy Derzawiec and bring it to the next meeting for review. Once approved, RuthAnne will add the form to the Exhibit application packet. Artists will also have the opportunity to apply to advertise their exhibit on the CE TV cable announcement pages. The Artists would also apply for this form of advertising via Wendy Derzawiec, the CE Town Website Master.

NEW BUSINESS:

RuthAnne Haley reviewed the Gallery applications received in March. An Application was received from Janice Reale for a Grant received by the Cape Elizabeth Historical Preservation Society and Maine Humanities Council. The exhibit application named "I remember Cape Elizabeth" was reviewed. A Motion was made to table discussion of the application until the next meeting when Jay Scherma was in attendance. Motion passed.

Adam Weiner updated the Commission on the status of the 2009 Spring Art Grant project awarded to Playwright Clare Melley Smith.

Adam Weiner discussed advertising for the 2009 Fall Arts Grant Announcement, which would be scheduled for announcement in August. It was noted that the next fiscal year CEAC budget submitted has been cut by 50%. The budget has yet to be approved. Advertising is on hold pending budget approval.

Wendy Seltzer reported on museum memberships. She stated that the Victoria Mansion Community Annual Membership Fee is \$50.00. A motion was made to approve purchase of this community membership. Motion passed.

The Commission discussed a special purchase of Academy Award foreign films for check out at the Thomas Memorial Library. Chris Gebhart will research this project.

The 2008 Spring CEAC Grant recipient, Patty Morris, attended the meeting and gave an update of her plans for a free to the public, community jazz performance. Patty proposed a performance by the current Cape Elizabeth High School jazz band. An arrangement of songs from the *Dukkha's Nemeis* Band, as well as some other musical selections would be performed at the High School. Various options for the venue were discussed. Possible performance dates are May 22nd or June 5th. Patty will make arrangements with the school and update the CEAC with the final performance date. Patty will send out press notification and handle all the promotional arrangements.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Wendy Seltzer reported that Gallery exhibit sales through fiscal year 7/1/09 totaled an income to the Town of \$334.00.

Gallery Process Maps were discussed.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Janice Reale, CEAC Secretary