

VAST BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 7, 2006

3:15 – 5:00 p.m.

Members Present: Lynne Cagle, Ingrid Scobie, Robin Butt, Carmen Underwood, Mary Jo Armstrong, Jo Williams, Rebecca Hines, Susan Whiteland, Barbara Miller

Welcome and Call to Order: Lynne Cagle called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

2007 Gala: reported by Ingrid Scobie and Jo Williams

Date: January 19, 2007; Location: Visual Arts Center; Theme: Native American culture; Honoree will be George Cadell, a local sculptor, educator and former recipient of the GDAC Community Arts Recognition Award; Exhibition will be a retrospective of his work; Program will be a Cadell presentation of the process for a “roadrunner” sculpture commissioned by the Aubrey Independent School District; Dinner: Planners are seeking persons to provide Native American menu; Entertainment: Planners are seeking persons to provide music and dance from the Native American tradition; Tickets: VAST members: \$35, spouses of VAST members: \$50 or \$35 with a family membership, general public: \$50

2008 Gala: reported by Jo Williams

Honoree: Dean Mitchell, African American watercolor painter

Date: January 18, 2008

Advisory Board: reported by Jo Williams

This Board met on June 30th, 2006. Each of the members is highly committed to VAST . They will be instrumental in the VAST Visioning Sessions to be held October 20, 2006. Contributions noted include \$500 from Jim Kirkpatrick for the Fall Show, \$750 from Randy Robinson of First United Bank for the 125 Mile Show, and agreement from Gloria Anderson to host the reception for the sponsors for the 2007 National Exhibition.

Visioning Meeting – October 20, 2006: reported by Lynne Cagle

VAST has contracted with a consultant, Cathy Liska (Cathy@EffectServices.com, 5072 Coral Reef Drive, Johns Island, SC 29455. She will lead the visioning process with VAST members (9:00 -11:30 a.m.), Advisory Board members (12:30-2:30) on Friday, October 20, 2006. The VAST Executive Board will meet with Cathy Liska, on Saturday, October 21, 2006, (9:00 a.m. through lunch) to solidify the findings of the process.

VAST members and Executive Board members are asked to complete membership and board self-assessments and deliver them directly to Cathy Liska by September 22nd.

Budget Report: reported by Mary Jo Armstrong

The ending balance in the operating budget, as of 9-6-2006, is \$12,899.30. Mary Jo has reconciled the check book with the bank statements, now has the account “on line” with Wells Fargo, and is redoing the lines items in the budget to reflect projects of VAST

Proposed Budget for 2007-2008: reported by Lynne Cagle

A budget was presented to the Board. Lynne asked all members to examine the working draft and have all suggestions back to Lynne, via e-mail, by September 22, 2006. A revised budget will be presented to the October Executive Committee meeting.

Calendar: reported by Ingrid Scobie

The 2007 calendar will be in a CD case format. Final graphic design is to be completed by August 12. The calendar will go to press the week of September 14th and be ready for sale by September 22nd. The completed calendars will be in stores by October 1, 2006. There will be a big publicity push in early October. Sale price will be \$10. There will be no signing events this year. Original calendar art work will be on display at Wine Squared, 110 W. Oak St., Suite A, Denton, from mid-November to the end of December.

Educational Programs: reported by Carmen Underwood

Demonstrations for 2006 are as follows: September 7, Dave Dunlap, Stained Glass Artist; October 5, Mark Merki, CPA, Tax Issues Concerning Artists; November 2, Brent Phillips, Photographer.

Demonstrations for the 2007-2008 VAST year will be as follows: September 6, Stephan Zhang, Watercolor; October 4, Eric MvGehearty, Sculpture; November 1, Marilyn Waligore, Photography; December 6, Jim Johnson, Sketchbooks; January 3, James R. Kirkpatrick Architecture; February 7, Deanna Wood, Encaustic; March 6, Lee Atkins, Clay; April 3, seeking an illustrator of children's books; May 1, Kelly Donahue-Wallace, Art Historian.

Exhibits/Special Projects:

Fiesta-on-the-Square: reported by Jo Williams

This event is sponsored by the Denton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. VAST is a partner organization. Date is Friday, September 22nd on the Denton Courthouse Square. VAST will have an exhibition of members work on the first floor of the courthouse. Ingrid Scobie, Marilyn Smith and Pat Betham have agreed to be a part of the exhibition. Others are welcome.

Imaginative Journeys: reported by Lynne Cagle

This is a work in process. It is a thematic art and literacy program for children/grandchildren, ages 6-11, of VAST members. It will be held in conjunction with VAST monthly meetings. Thom Anderson will read children's literature and Susan Whiteland will assist with art projects.

Arts Groups DFW Forum: reported by Ingrid Scobie

This newly formed group serves as a coordination and information center for Metroplex arts organizations. Their website is www.artgroupsdfw.org. An Art Leaders Forum has also been developed. The second meeting of this forum will be sponsored by VAST, at UNT School of Visual Arts in Denton, on October 7, 2006, 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. All VAST members are encouraged to attend.

Barnes and Noble Voucher/Book Fair/ Art Workshop: reported by Lynne Cagle

The Voucher Book Fair will be held November 17-19, 2006 at the Golden Triangle Barnes and Noble Bookstore. A portion of the profit on all books sold to customers with a VAST voucher will go to VAST. There will be an in-store art workshop for children on Saturday, November 18th. Lynne will coordinate this event.

Denton Benefit League: reported by Lynne Cagle

A laptop computer and LCD projector have been purchased with grant money given by the Denton Benefit League. The next grant application is due by the end of September. Lynne is working on this. Ideas for funding include file cabinets and a color laser printer.

Studio Tour: reported by Ingrid Scobie

The date for 2006 is Saturday, November 4. Tour Coordinator is Kate McCullagh. Approximately 80 volunteers will be needed. Studios included on the tour will be Harlan Butt, metal smith (UNT); Robin Butt, Painter; Eric and Cheryl Hansen, glassblowers; David Iles, bronze sculptor; Don Radke, painter (TWU); School of Visual Arts, UNT, Fiber Studios, Amie Adelman, Program Coordinator; School of Visual Arts, UNT, Printmaking Studios, Mark Pease, Program Coordinator; Gary Washmon, mixed media

(TWU); Laurie Weller, painter (TWU); Jo Williams, painter. Cost for participants will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for students.

Membership: reported by Rebecca Hines

There are currently 124 paid members of VAST. The Board members will be asked to each call 4-5 persons who have not renewed their membership. Lynne will send names via e-mail. VAST membership year is June 1 – May 31. The Member Yearbook should be ready by the October meeting.

125-Mile Exhibit: reported by Lynne Cagle

Juror is Mark Stephen Smith, painter and professor at Austin College in Sherman, Texas. Works should hand delivered or shipped. Shipped works will be accepted the week before installation (Monday through Thursday). Hand delivery of works for the show will be September 14th, 4-7 p.m. at Banter. Installation of the show at Banter will be September 15th at 9:30 a.m. Amber O'Dell will meet with the juror. The show runs from October 1st through October 30th.

Spring Exhibition 2007: reported by Lynne Cagle.

The Prospectus is published and will be mailed soon. Slide Night for all submissions will be December 7, 2006. Electronic submissions will be accepted.

Newsletter Featured Artist is the Month:

Robin Butt, Ernie Benton, Jr and Dana Blanchard were selected as possible Focus Artists for month in the October *Vision*. Fran Shurtleff will write the Focus articles this year.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Lynne Cagle, President

Minutes submitted by Barbara Lindquist Miller