

Exeter Arts Committee Minutes
July 15, 2010
Town Hall Gallery

The July meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order this 15th day of July in the year 2010 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery at 6:30 PM.

Present: Jane Kiernan, Bev Tabet, Kathy Lewis Thompson, Karen Desrosiers, Barbara London, Francesca Fay, Robert Aldrich, Cindy Dickinson.

Guest: Kathleen Pottle

1. Minutes of June 17 (held July 1) approved without correction.
2. Treasurer's Report: No change since June report. Jane and/or Karen D. will look into the options for repairing or replacing the display panels.
3. Barbara London submitted her reapplication to the Board of Selectmen: Laura from the Town Office called her to confirm that she is being formally appointed July 26. Barbara has already been interviewed and does not need to attend the July 26 meeting.
4. Dean was not able to be present, so there was no formal update on the "Emerging Artists" show; however Karen D. reported that the subcommittee led by Dean has the show well planned.
5. Poetry & Collaboration night, Thursday July 22 at 7 PM: Barbara sent the Email Invitation to several arts organizations. PPLP's director Lesley Kimball will forward to PPLP list and will post the "call to poets/artists" on their site. Karen will forward Great Bay Artists address to Barbara. Jane will send out the Email Invitation to EAC email list, contact Water St Bookstore, and bring name tags for artists/poets. LuAnn sent out the press release to Hippo, Lawrence Eagle Tribune, Seacoast Newspapers, Wire, Ports City Guide, and others. Jane brought posters and Cindy and Barbara volunteered to distribute. Barbara will follow through with New Hampshire State Council on the Arts.

Barbara, Cindy, Jane, and Karen will arrive to set up at 6PM, July 22. Jane will purchase the refreshments. Barbara will MC the evening. John Perrault will read/perform for approximately 45 minutes, followed by an informal opportunity for artists and poets to meet and greet.

Barbara spoke to Lesley Kimball about the suggestion (made at last month's EAC meeting) of using the historic pottery wheel/poetry installation. Lesley conveyed that she has stored only a part of the project which is delicate, heavy, and cumbersome. Given the logistics and timing, EAC decided not to get involved with reinstalling this now.

6. October Vision & Word Show Subcommittee will meet the beginning of August.

Rose submitted matt board info, but Committee feels it would be too expensive, so the suggestion by several members was that we use poster board and velcro for the back. Jane has started to receive preregistration submissions and will keep a roster for us.

7. Exeter's Got Talent: Francesca was voted Coordinator of this new event, tentatively scheduled for September 17, 2011. It would be one day of all kinds of artistic, creative, and culinary displays and performances in venues across the town. Francesca met with Molly Palmer of the Chamber of Commerce and Mike Favreau of the Parks & Recreation Dept. She will be meeting with Russ Dean (town manager) to check on permits and contingencies in the event of rain. Artists will not be paid. As many student and emerging artists as possible will be encouraged to perform and present. Francesca read an exciting rough draft of her "Call to Artists". Karen D. offered that ECCA is interested in being involved in whatever capacity. Planning will take place over the first of the year. Calls will go out at least by June 2011.

8. Mission Statement meeting: Will be held at the Gallery on July 29 at 3:30-4:30

9. Karen D. reported that the NH Art Association had contacted her and would like to do a show in our gallery in September, after their Prescott Park show, however we are using the gallery for the Emerging Artists Show this Sept. and next year, the new Exeter's Got Talent event will occur in September so it does not look possible.

Meeting was adjourned at 8PM.

Respectfully Submitted: Barbara London and Kathy Lewis Thompson