Exeter Arts Committee March 2012 Minutes March 22, 2012

The meeting of the Exeter Arts Committee was called to order this 22th day of March in the year 2012 at the Exeter Town Hall Gallery at 6:30pm.

Present: Kathy, Karen N., Jane, Francesca, Karen D.

Guests: Melody Fellows

- February Minutes were read and approved as written
- Youth Art Month: There were four musicians playing recorders (teachers from the local schools). The committee offered each musician a \$15 gift certificate to Pimentos, which Ken, the owner of Pimentos doubled for us! The teachers were delighted! Jane hosted approximately 15 visits to the Gallery by Lincoln Street School classes. Kathy hosted the last of the groups on April 3. As usual, Dean came to the rescue and delivered the art back to the schools on April 5. Kathy and Darius kindly removed the masking tape detritus from the windows, so all evidence of YAM should now be gone from the Gallery.
- <u>Buds & Blooms</u>: Call to Artists needs to go out SOON (typically, the recommendation is for it to go out two months before the opening.) Kathy will write and send out a press release for the show. Dates: Drop-off, Wednesday, May 2. Opening Reception; Friday, May 4, Closing; Sunday, May 20.
- <u>Tee-Shirts</u>: Do we want to spend our resources on shirts that don't sell all that quickly? Perhaps in the fall we will order more adult sizes. Discussion sorta tabled.
- <u>Silent Auction:</u> Eight artists have signed up so far. Francesca inquired if anyone knows a quilter. The charities have been selected; SeaCare, Crossroads House and Womenade. Francesca is working on a solution to the payment issue. Credit card processing was complicated last year, so the committee hopes to find a more user-friendly solution.
- <u>SOS Show</u>: The final report was given to Kathy. There were 207 visitors and \$996 in sales. Dates for the show for 2013 are February 3-19. (This will require contact with the Photographers' group to advise them that their show will be cut short from their usual 5 week-ends)
- Exeter Access TV-98: An informational meeting is scheduled at Exeter High School for March 24. Doug York and Jay Childs are inviting local art group (among others) to see the facilities and suggest ideas for future shows on the hyper-local TV channel. It would certainly be a great opportunity to show off our shows!
- <u>Serendipity Wall</u>: Kathy talked with Brie about the EAC participating in the hangings on the newly-exposed tin wall. Kathy and Brie will chat further, when the wall is more finished.
- <u>Postcards</u>: Kathy took the Exeter downtown print to ECM to make postcards. The committee was consulted on which print option they liked best. Jane will take the original print to either Picture's Worth or Décor for framing.
- <u>Website</u>: Kathy will work with her husband to try to figure out how we can access a Macoriented web program. We might also be able to enlist some help from Kristine Grouleau!
- <u>Melody Fellows</u> will join the EAC as a new member. She will send her application to the selectmen.

Next meeting is Thursday, April 26. Same time, same place.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Noonan, Scribe

EAC: Current Voting Members:

Kathy Lewis-Thompson, Chair; Jane Kiernan, Vice Chair; Karen Desrosiers, Treasurer; Karen Noonan, Scribe; Francesca Fay, SOS Rep ©;