ART WORK SUB-COMMITTEE
McHenry County Administration Building
667 Ware Road
Woodstock IL 60098

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

The meeting was called to order by Committee Chairman Gilman at 8:39 a.m. The following members were present: Ann Gilman; and Rick Klasen. John Jung, Tina Hill and Virginia Peschke were absent. Also in attendance: Sue Stelford, Art Coordinator. Chairman Gilman announced that a quorum was not present so there would be no action taken during today's meeting.

Ann Gilman. Chairman

Tina Hill	John Jung, Jr.
Rick Klasen	Virginia Peschke

MINUTES

The minutes of the July 13, 2006 meeting were presented, but no action was taken due to the lack of a quorum.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

Art Donations: Ms. Stelford introduced Donna Lewis to the Committee. Ms. Lewis provided background information to the watercolor "Solitary Wolf" that she is donating to the County. Ms. Lewis works in watercolor, pen and ink and oil. She stated that her paintings begin with the eyes and "if the eyes don't talk, the piece is not finished. The Committee acknowledged Ms. Lewis' with a "Certificate of Appreciation."

Betty Schmidt was introduced to the Committee by Ms. Stelford. Ms. Schmidt stated she is an avid traveler and the painting she is donating is a scene that she captured on film during a recent trip to Queenstown New Zealand. The scene depicts the bay area with a tourist ferry in the background. Ms. Schmidt is a member of the Oil Painters of America. In addition to doing oils from photographs, she also does plein-air painting (painting outdoors) and will be one of the artists at a plein-air event in Mineral Springs this weekend. Chairman Gilman and the Committee presented Ms. Schmidt with a "Certificate of Appreciation." Chairman Gilman expressed an interest in hosting a plein-air event in McHenry County and asked Ms. Schmidt how such an event could be organized. Ms. Schmidt stated these events are held throughout the country. She recommended The Oil Painters of America's website www.oilpaintersofamerica.com as a source of information.

The members were introduced to Tony Hansel, who provided information on a photograph he is donating to the County. He stated he enjoys hiking and fishing and while hiking in Wisconsin he came upon a residential backyard with the scene he photographed. He titled the piece, "Still Waiting for you Son." The work won first prize in the VFW magazine and also is on display in the National Vietnam Art Museum. The Committee thanked Mr. Hansel and acknowledged him for his donation with a "Certificate of Appreciation."

OLD BUSINESS

Art for the Government Center – continued discussion: Committee members entered into a continued discussion regarding the Art projects. Chairman Gilman stated she would continue to search for a sculpture display case. Ms. Stelford noted that Janelle Crowley will be donating a curio cabinet that will be able to hold smaller art pieces. She also reported that three Ray Mathis photographs will be enlarged to display in the Administration office corridor.

Ms. Stelford stated that her work as the Art Coordinator has expanded and she proposed sharing her duties with a curator and assistant curator. She would offer to split her pay to fund these positions and noted she knew of two possible candidates. Chairman Gilman asked Ms. Stelford to contact the individuals to see if they would be interested.

Members discussed the upcoming employee calendar of events and agreed to cancel the fall event and agreed that the winter event should focus on visual arts.

Ms. Stelford informed committee members that only one application for the mural project has been received. She stated that in reviewing that application, she felt it was very vague and the budget as outlined did not appear to be realistic. Chairman Gilman felt that the applicant should meet with the Committee and asked that he be invited to the next meeting.

Ms. Stelford presented an updated inventory of the County's permanent art collection.

ADJOURNMENT

Noting no further business, The Committee adjourned 9:30 a.m.

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