

## DOCENT BOARD MEETING

### SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART

**DATE: December 11, 2013**

**Present:** Vikki Duncan, Molora Vadnais, Joan Dewhirst, Ralph Wilson, Mary Eckhart, Christine Holland, Sylvia Mabee, Kathryn Padgett, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Barbara Boyd, Paul Guido, Mike Ramey, Patsy Hicks and Rachael Kriepps.

President Vikki Duncan called the meeting to order at 9:35AM in Luria room. The minutes of the November 13, 2013 meeting were approved.

#### **BOARD REPORTS**

##### **PRESIDENT: Vikki Duncan**

Vikki reported that the December 9<sup>th</sup> Holiday Party was a great success. The home of Guy & Vicky Strickland provided the perfect setting to enjoy each other's company and the scrumptious, savory/sweet buffet. Each member of the Provisional Class was introduced (5 in absentia) with a delightfully informative background presentation. Barbara Ben-Horin, Director of Development, brought greetings from Larry Feinberg.

Vikki showed several items the Docent Council received at the recent Local Heroes celebratory luncheon hosted by the Santa Barbara INDEPENDENT. Certificates of Recognition from: 1) California Legislative Assembly, signed by Das Williams; 2) California State Senate, signed by Hanna Beth Jackson; 3) Congress of the U.S. House of Representatives, signed by Lois Capps. A framed plaque of recognition from the Independent, along with the Docent Council group photo, will be displayed in the Docent Office.

Date changes in April: Change of Spring Bus Trip to April 9<sup>th</sup> and Docent Board meeting to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Specific speakers for Spring Docent Council meetings will be announced when confirmed by Patsy and Rachael.

#### OLD BUSINESS

Discussion was held regarding the motion passed at the last Board meeting for an amendment to the By-Laws regarding the RESPONSIBILITIES OF NEW ACTIVE DOCENTS. (See Board Minutes for November 13, 2013.) Kathryn noted that in line with current practices, the wording needs to be changed. This amendment will be conducted according to the procedure spelled out in SECTION 9 of the present Docent Council By-Laws.

## NEW BUSINESS

Ralph recommended reducing the amount of food docents bring to the holiday party. He suggested dividing our group in half and alternating the years each one brings food, as well as making the Provisionals exempt from contributing.

### **VICE PRESIDENT: Molora Vadnais**

#### **Travel**

Thirty-one docents spent a wonderful day at LACMA on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Eve Schillo, LACMA photography curator, gave our docents a great tour of LACMA's John Divola exhibit. It is housed in a single room with each wall devoted to a different series. Molora expressed thanks to Lisa Volpe for arranging the tour. Docents had lunch on their own and then enjoyed the museum's other exhibits in the afternoon. Special thanks to LACMA and its photography department for offering us free admission.

Financial results for bus trip:

#### **INCOME**

30 at \$55.00 each----- \$1650.00

#### **EXPENSES**

S.B. Airbus                      \$ 940.00

Driver Tip                        80.00

LACMA Fee (waived)            0

Snacks/drinks/  
glasses,napkins                88.48

**TOTAL EXPENSES-----\$1108.48**

Wine                                donation

**NET INCOME                      \$ 541.52**

Ten docents signed up for the Westmont Art Museum outing on December 16<sup>th</sup>. The tour will begin at 10:30 AM with lunch to follow. Hopefully, this tour will become a regular outing as Westmont brings in new exhibits.

Molora is working on a January trip to the Greek Orthodox Church to see and learn about Orthodox icons. The Icons team members recently visited the church and felt it would be beneficial for all docents.

Twelve docents and partners are signed up for the Palm Springs weekend January 24-26. When those plans are completed, the travel committee will begin work on the trip to Portland and the Spring bus trip.

To avoid a conflict with the Mexico trip planned by Ricki Morse, the Spring bus trip has been changed to April 9<sup>th</sup>. The Board meeting scheduled for that date has been moved to April 2<sup>nd</sup>. The bus trip will include Pasadena's Pacific Asia Museum and the California Art Museum for the exhibit *Picturing Mexico: Alfredo Ramos Martinez in California*.



## **Social**

The holiday party was a great success. Thanks are due to Guy and Vicky Strickland for not only opening their lovely home to us, but for helping out during the entire party. Vicky never stopped working in the kitchen. Thanks are also due to: Andrea Gallo and Linda Adams of the Social Committee; Ann Robinson, Kathryn Padgett, Vikki Duncan and Barbara Boyd for setting up and cleaning up; Irene Stone, Doug McElwain and Lori Mohr for bartending and cleanup.

## **Techniques Team**

On December 8<sup>th</sup>, the Techniques Team visited the Getty Villa to observe two demonstrations on fresco painting. The team visited Chantal Gariepy at the Ridley Tree Education Center on December 9<sup>th</sup> for a talk and demonstration on pottery. Team members are learning a lot now but will soon face the challenge of turning all of this information into interesting and informative, but not overwhelming, tours for our visitors. The team is down to four people. A fifth person is needed and it is possible one more member will leave. The length of touring time (6 months) might have been a drawback for some original team members. A call will be put out in January for additional docents. Molora will prepare the tour and may join the team herself.

## **Publicity**

Molora wants to start a conversation with the Education Department re publicity for the techniques tours. She thinks these tours have the possibility of bringing in more people who are not regular museum visitors but need to be told about the tours. She hopes that Techniques Team publicizing can serve as a model for future tours that need extra public notice. Patsy offered several suggestions and noted that all publicity must first be cleared through Katrina Carl, SBMA's Public Relations Manager.

## **SECRETARY: Joan Dewhirst**

Francis Hallinan sent a note of appreciation to Amanda Garcia and wished her well in her new career move. She sent thank-you notes to Nan Rogers for her presentation, "Framing Delacroix", at the Council meeting on December 4<sup>th</sup> and to Guy & Vicky Strickland for hosting our Docent Council holiday party on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **TREASURER: Ralph Wilson**

Ralph reported the surplus funds from the Docent Art Show as well as the LACMA bus trip show that we are doing a lot of things but they are not costing a lot. We are making money which we are not required to do. Financially, the Council is in very good shape. He submitted the following balances for month-end November 30, 2013:  
CHECKING ACCOUNT= \$5,066.22      SAVINGS ACCOUNT= \$10,280.13  
(See attached report)

**Santa Barbara Museum of Art  
Docent Council 2013-2014  
Treasurer's Report  
December 11 , 2013 (for month ending November 30, 2013)**

<u>CHECKING ACCOUNT #01551100</u>		<u>SAVINGS ACCOUNT #182329</u>
<b>Beginning Balance as of</b>		
October 31, 2013	\$5,303.87	Oct. 31, 2013 \$10,280.13
Deposits/Voiced Checks	\$1,390.00	Deposits \$0.00
Withdrawals	\$1,627.65	4Q Interest \$0.00
		Withdrawals \$0.00
<b>Ending Balance as of</b>		
November 30, 2013	\$5,066.22	Nov. 30, 2013 \$10,280.13
Est. Outstanding Commitments	\$0.00	
Outstanding Deposits	\$0.00	<b>TOTAL CASH \$15,346.35</b>

Year-to-Date (YTD) Budget Report  
(July 1, 2013 – November 30, 2013)

<b>INCOME</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>YTD Actual</b>	<b>Over/(Under) Budget</b>
Docent Dues	\$3,570.00	\$3,765.00	\$195.00
Other Income: Symposium (carryover)	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00
Art Show (11/10/13)	\$0.00	\$615.00	\$615.00
Previous year (carryover)	\$1,464.00	\$1,464.00	\$0.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$6,034.00</b>	<b>\$6,844.00</b>	<b>\$810.00</b>

<b>EXPENSES</b>		<b>Remaining in Budgeted Items</b>
Docent Symposium	\$2,000.00	\$1,097.64 \$902.36
Docent Art Show - 2013-14	\$600.00	\$291.99 \$308.01
Docent Art Show (carryover)	\$125.00	\$0.00 \$125.00
Holiday Party	\$550.00	\$91.59 \$458.41
Hardware/Computer Work/Maintenance	\$100.00	\$0.00 \$100.00
Gifts and Flowers	\$400.00	\$139.28 \$260.72
Docent Directories	\$300.00	\$0.00 \$300.00
Graduation and Service Awards Event	\$350.00	\$0.00 \$350.00
Docent Continuing Education	\$350.00	\$0.00 \$350.00
Provisional trainers reimbursement	\$1,050.00	\$0.00 \$1,050.00
Miscellaneous	\$209.00	\$0.00 \$209.00
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$6,034.00</b>	<b>\$1,620.50 \$4,413.50</b>

**YTD TOTALS (Income less Expenses) \$6783.19**

<b>YTD UNBUDGETED ITEMS (thru 11/30/13)</b>	<b>Receipts</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>Net Over/(Under)</b>
LACMA bus trip (11/18/2013)	\$1650.00	\$90.31	\$1559.69
<b>TOTAL UNBUDGETED</b>	<b>\$1650.00</b>	<b>\$90/31</b>	<b>\$1559.69</b>

Ralph G. Wilson  
Docent Council Treasurer



**MEMBERSHIP: Gail Stichler**

(See attached report)

**ADULT TEAMS: Christine Holland & Mary Eckhart**

Christine reported that for the Ten Talks on November 14<sup>th</sup>, there were three talks given that night by two docents. One docent did two for European paintings and one docent added a talk for the Delacroix show. Attendance that night was fabulous, with a total of 60 people toured on the three tours. (See attached report for Adult Tours statistics)

Patsy asked if docents giving Ten Talks ever report the background music distracting. Christine said she has received mostly positive response. Patsy noted that the music can be turned down during the tours.

**STUDENT TEAMS: Ann Robinson & Sylvia Mabee**

(See Ann's attached report for November's Student Team statistics )

Sylvia reported that all evaluations will be completed by the end of this month.

**PROVISIONAL CHAIRS: Kathryn Padgett, Mary Ellen Hoffman, with Ralph Wilson**

Mary Ellen reported that the Provisionals presented their 3-minute talks on November 21<sup>st</sup>. Everyone passed with only one needing a redo. The last class for this term was December 5<sup>th</sup> when they chose their research paper topics. The papers are due on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

All the Provisionals were introduced by their mentors at the holiday party on December 9<sup>th</sup>, although five could not be there.

She and Ralph are continuing to work on the syllabus for next term, with Ralph doing the heavy lifting of putting it all together. They are still trying to pin down some speakers, but it is almost done and will be put online when it's ready.

**RESEARCH: Barbara Boyd**

The Heavenly Bodies photo exhibit is scheduled to open in Spring 2014 and a call went out to see if any docents would like to research one of these works. Two expressed interest and others will be contacted personally. This is a first attempt to get research started well in advance of an exhibition so that the material can be used to tour during the exhibit.

The updated Docent Research Paper Guidelines Handbook is in final editing and Mike Ramey is looking for appropriate software to post it on the Docent Website. Barbara thanked all who reviewed it and provided input.

## MEMBERSHIP CHAIR REPORT

As of December 10, 2013

Active Docents	77
Active Docents - LOA	1
Sustainers	25
Provisional	11

MONTH	PUBLIC	RESEARCH	PROVISIONAL	TOTAL HOURS REPORTED
JULY	103	772		875
AUGUST	92	863		955
SEPTEMBER	67	874		941
OCTOBER	118	985		1103
NOVEMBER	75	692		767
DECEMBER				0
JANUARY				0
FEBRUARY				0
MARCH				0
APRIL				0
MAY				0
JUNE				0
Total Hours	455	4186	0	4641

Note: July 2012 - June 2013 total hours = 18,314

Submitted by Gail Stichler

ADULT TEAM CHAIR REPORT  
DOCENT COUNCIL BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 11, 2013

DOCENT TOURING STATISTICS  
NOVEMBER 2013

ALL TOURS

Total visitors toured: 430  
Total Number Tours: 56  
Visitors per Tour average: 7.7

REGULAR TOURS

Total visitors toured: 365  
Total Number Tours: 53  
Visitors per Tour average: 6.9

SPECIAL REQUEST TOURS

Total visitors toured: 65  
Total Number Tours: 3  
Visitors per Tour average: 21.6

TEN TALKS

Total visitors toured: 71  
Total Number Tours: 6  
Visitors per Tour average: 11.8

HIGHLIGHTS

Total visitors toured: 97  
Total Number Tours: 20  
Visitors per Tour average: 4.8

ASIAN

Total visitors toured: 3  
Total Number Tours: 2  
Visitors per Tour average: 1.5

EUROPEAN

Total visitors toured: 11  
Total Number Tours: 2  
Visitors per Tour average: 5.5

PORTRAITS

Total visitors toured: 20  
Total number tours: 2  
Visitors per tour average: 10

DIVOLA

Total visitors toured: 56  
Total number tours: 6  
Visitors per tour average: 9.3



TOTALLY 80s

Total visitors toured: 44

Total number tours: 6

Visitors per tour average: 7.3

DELACROIX

Total visitors toured: 39

Total number tours: 7

Visitors per tour average: 5.6

Notes:

Numbers are based on number of tours actually given and do not include tours scheduled but not given because there were 0 visitors

“All Tours” statistics include “Special Requests” tours and “Ten Talks” tours

“Regular Tours” statistics include all tours including “Ten Talks” but do not include “Special Requests”

*1 Highlights tour had 0 visitors; thus, 21 were scheduled but only 20 given*

*1 Portraits tour had 0 visitors; thus, 3 were scheduled but only 2 given*

*1 “Ten Talks” had 0 visitors ; thus, 7 were scheduled but only 6 given.*

*1 Totally 80s had 0 visitors; thus, 10 were scheduled but only 9 were given*

*There were only three nights of “Ten Talks” because the museum was closed on November 28.*

*There were 4 “Special Request” tours in November, but one group was a “no show” so only 3 were given. They were all for the Delacroix show. The group numbers were very high and there was a lot of interest.*

*For the Ten Talks on November 14, there were three talks given that night, by two docents. One docent did two for European paintings and one docent added a talk for the Delacroix show. Attendance that night was fabulous, with a total of 60 people toured on the three tours.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Holland  
Adult Teams Co-Chair



Santa Barbara Museum of Art  
Docent Council Board of Directors  
Student Teams Report  
December 2013

**Museum Tours**

Number of Students	282
Number of Tours	11
Grade Levels	1-2nd, grade; 8-3rd. grade, 1-5th grade, 1-6th grade, grade
Schools:	Adams, Canalino, Cold Spring, Open Alternative, Washington Monroe

**Classroom Presentations**

Number of Students	300
Number of Tours	12
Grade Levels	8-3rd. grade, 2-2nd, grade, 2-6th. grade
Schools:	Adams, Cold Spring, El Camino, Monroe, Washington

Respectfully submitted,

Ann Robinson

Student Team Coordinator

At their class meeting on December 5<sup>th</sup>, the Provisionals were presented with a list, along with photos, of Works of Art in Need of Research for each to choose an object for a research paper. Barbara and Mike addressed the class and outlined the current process for creating their first Research Paper.

**EVALUATIONS: Paul Guido**

Paul reported that evaluations are coming in, slow and steady.

**WEBMASTER: Mike Ramey** (no report this month)

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION: Patsy Hicks**

Patsy reported the following Staff changes:

- 1)Lisa Volpe, Karen Sinsheimer's Curatorial Assistant, has left our museum to be the curator at the Wichita Art Museum in Kansas. Our American Exhibit will travel there.
- 2)Delphine Sims, Karen's new assistant, will speak on the Heavenly Bodies exhibition.
- 3)Liz Brown is leaving December 20<sup>th</sup> as her fellowship is up. She has been gathering material for the Daumier exhibition and will present a powerpoint in March 2014. There will be no team for this exhibit. It is an "add-on" replacing the Byzantine icons and can be included by everyone in their other tours.

Patsy noted that Susan Tai's "Artful Recluse" catalogue has been nominated as one of two finalists for a national organization's book award. [Second Barr Book Award through the College Art Association]

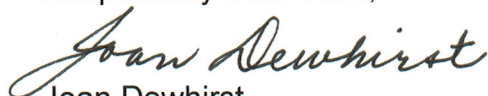
The Family Resource Center should open on Friday. There is a take-home activity for students to make their own "action" flip book, inspired by John Divola's *Dogs Chasing My Car in the Desert*.

Patsy thanked the Board members for their efforts above and beyond what the Council requires. She honored Vikki with a beautiful bouquet of flowers.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Vikki Duncan adjourned the meeting at 10:45 AM.

**NEXT MEETING:** The next Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 9:30 AM in Luria room.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
Joan Dewhirst  
Secretary