

DOCENT BOARD MEETING

SANTA BARBARA MUSEUM OF ART

DATE: November 14, 2012

Present: Kathryn Padgett, Vikki Duncan, Rosemarie Gebhart, Gail Stichler, Laura DePaoli, Molora Vadnais, Ann Robinson, Mary Ellen Hoffman, Gretchen Simpson, Sue Skenderian, Irene Stone, Patsy Hicks, and Rachel Krieps

President Kathryn Padgett called the meeting to order at 9:30am. The minutes of October 10, 2012 meeting were approved.

Board Reports:

President: Kathryn Padgett

Old Business: Peter Clothier will meet the Provisional class and docents in front of the Panels in The Art Recluse Exhibition on Thursday, November 15 at 1:00pm.

New Business:

Lararium Request: Molora Vadnais requests that 16 small bronze statues be placed in storage (see attached items). Most are broken and they have been deaquisitioned by the Museum and will be restored. Molora also showed a new model Lararium commissioned by her. The Board approved to remove the designated bronze pieces. The Board thanked Molora for volunteering to undertake the task of refurbishing.

Stipend requests: Gretchen Simpson requests a stipend for the Provisional trainer's costs. The full year commitment must be fulfilled before payment. (See attached requests). A motion was brought to the Board for a Stipend for Training and Related Expenses/\$350 per trainer. Padgett and Simpson abstained. The motion was passed. **Touring Hours:** A discussion took place as to the question of tours starting at 1:30pm because of lunch provision. A decision made to leave the start of tours at 1:00pm. Laura De Paoli discussed whether there was a need to continue 3 tours on Sunday. It will be revisited in January as Old Business after further study. Thursday night 10 minute talks will also be revisited in January after further study.

Request for Stipend for Provisional Trainers

I respectfully ask that the Board consider offering a stipend for the individuals who elect to train the Provisional class. This is based on both the financial and time commitment required of the trainers for this class.

In classroom and museum time alone, each trainer for the provisional class gives 252 hours. In addition a trainer also gives hours to the following activities:

Planning	50
Printing/collating materials	5
Interviewing applicants	10
The Tea	5
Coordinating all class activities	8
Evaluations	32

Combining the class time commitment with the activities enumerated above, the trainers give approximately 362 hours to the Provisional training process (approximately 45.25, eight hour days).

The trainers park in the garage in back of the museum and spend \$9.00 weekly in parking costs, which adds up to an annual cost of roughly \$315 in parking costs alone. The trainers incur other monetary costs in producing materials for class using their printers, computers, and so forth.

Teaching the class is a demanding and very rewarding activity, undertaken with willing enthusiasm. I feel this request is appropriate based on both the time (approx. 362 hours per year) and financial (approx. \$315) commitment required to be a trainer for the Provisional class each year.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gretchen Simpson,
Provisional Chair

Resignation: Motion was passed to accept Cynthia Schoustra's resignation.

Docent personal information on the website: Discussion was begun on how to ensure privacy, use of passwords when putting the Docent Directory on the WEB. Further study needed.

Protocol when calling in an emergency, illness and to find substitutes may need to be posted in LA Muse.

VICE-PRESIDENT: Vikki Duncan

Vikki reported that the Book Club attended their meeting on Monday, 11/5 with a change in venue to Jeannine's to discuss "Emperor of China: Self Portrait of K'ang-Hsi". She also reported that only 3 members showed up bringing up a discussion that maybe a central site might be located to relieve the responsibility off the hostess. One of the suggestions was the Family Resource Center. Further discussion will take place after the first of the year.

Special Exhibition Walk Through by the Team Leader of "The Artful Recluse". Meichih Ho led docents on a walk-through of that exhibit on Wednesday, October 17, from 1:30pm-3:30pm to become familiar with names, pronunciation, and key points about selected artists.

The Fall Bus Trip involves a visit to LACMA on Monday, November 26 to view the "Bodies and Shadows: Caravaggio and His Legacy" Exhibition. This trip replaces the visit to the design firm of Sussman/Prejza and the Los Angeles Grand Park, which was cancelled, as the number of sign-ups would not have covered the expenses. Sussman/Prejza Associate Miles Mazzie, has extended an open invitation for us to visit when possible. Vikki would like to keep the suggestion to visit the Siqueiros mural, "America Tropical" and the Historical Pueblo/Olvera Street, on the travel agenda for this year, corresponding to the Latin American exhibit.

Holiday Party

Paul Guido and Steve Blain will host the Holiday Party at their home on Monday, December 10th from 2-4pm. Invitations, prepared by Sylvia Mabee, are being completed this morning for mailing. Following the call in this month's La Muse for volunteers to assist at the event, we have two volunteers. Sign-up sheets are ready for signatures today and emailing with a second call to docents. A final call

at the meeting on December 5 will be made to fill any areas where help might still be needed.

The following are proposed winter and spring Out-of-Town trips. Preliminary announcements are by email (November meetings cancelled), with signup sheets circulated at the December 5th Council Meeting. The winter 2013 San Francisco trip is slated for the weekend of February 23-24. We have a reserved block of admission tickets for a docent-led tour on Sunday morning, 2/24, to view the "Girl with the Pearl Earring: Dutch Painting from the Maurithuis and Rembrandt's Century" at the De Young Museum. The Jasper Johns retrospective at SFMOMA is on the itinerary, as well. Gail Stichler, Irene Stone, and Francis Hallinan are the volunteers in planning this trip.

The proposed Boston Trip in April 2013 is in the planning stages. Docents signing the preliminary interest list will be invited to a meeting in January to discuss the proposed itinerary and to decide the final travel dates and venues. Christine Holland, Nancy Estes, and Sue Billig are providing information for the itinerary and accommodations.

SECRETARY: Rosemarie Gebhart

TREASURER: Ralph Wilson

Vikki Duncan presented the Treasurer's report for Ralph Wilson.

The Holiday hosts have declined payment for a centerpiece. The closing balance in checking as of October 31 was \$7,283.53 (with \$45.00 outstanding) and the balance in savings was \$5,335.64. The Treasurer's report and the Year-to-Date Budget are attached.

MEMBERSHIP: Gail Stichler

As of November 13, 2012

Active Docents	72
Active Docents - LOA	4
Sustainers	27*
Provisional	13

* Note: 6 of the 27 sustainers are unpaid as of 11/7/12

Volunteer Hours

Month	Public	Research	Provisional	Total Hrs Reported
July	49	595		643
August	64	746		809
September	45	882		927
October	37	207		244
November				
December				
January				
February				
March				

ADULT TEAMS: Laura DePaoli & Molara Vadnai

2012-2013 Adult Tour Statistics
October 2012

Average attendance includes weekends but no special requests

Highlighted Tours	Given	# Toured	Offered Saturdays	Given	# Toured	Offered Sunday	Given	# Toured	Cancelled	No Visitors	Special Requests	# Toured	Total # Toured	Total Reg Given	Ave Reg Attendance
Offered Wednesday	13	61	5	3	12	3	2	1	177	5	1	10	24	20	3.2
Highlights															1.3
Focus Tours															
Offered Wednesday	4	37	2	2	14	2	2	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	6.1
American	4	37	2	2	14	2	2	13	0	0	0	0	8	8	7.4
European	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Juden	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Photography	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.0
Totals - Focus Tours	18	123	4	4	31	4	4	29	0	0	1	18	200	37	7.0
Special Exhibition Tours															
Offered Wednesday	1	20	0	0	0	1	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Artu Redusa	1	20	0	0	0	1	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
California Pigeon	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Derry Lyle	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
European Provinces	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Labor and Wall	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Latin American	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Portrayal Gallery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals - Spec Exhibitions	1	20	0	0	0	1	1	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ten Talks															
Offered Thursday	4	47	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	1	1	0	0	47	4	11.8
R-10pm	4	47	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	1	1	0	0	47	4	11.8
T-10pm	0	0	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Totals Ten Talks	4	47	n/a	0	n/a	n/a	0	n/a	1	1	0	0	47	4	11.8
GRAND TOTALS															
Regularly Scheduled Tours (including Ten Talks)	48	271	8	8	81	3	7	52	177	7	3	33	408	38	13.0
Special Requests															
Offered Saturday	48	271	8	8	81	3	7	52	177	7	3	33	408	38	13.0
Offered Sunday	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cancelled	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No Visitors	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Average Attendance															13.0

Thurs 10a, Sat 10a, Thurs 10p, Sat 11p, Sun 11p, Fri 11p

Laura reported that a discussion to move the 10 minute Thursday night talks from 5pm to 7pm would increase attendance. This will be addressed after cumulative report is given in January 2013.

STUDENT TEAMS: Ann Robinson

Museum Tours

Number of Students	243
Number of Tours	14
Grade Levels	4-2 nd ; 3-3 rd ; 2-4 th grade;
Schools:	Aliso, Adams, Hollister, SB Charter

Classroom Presentations

Number of Students	347
Number of Tours	13
Grade Levels	7-2 nd ; 2-3 rd ; 2-4 th ; 2-6 th . grade
Schools:	Adams, Aliso, Hollister, SB Charter, Mountain View, Roosevelt

Ann reported that Irene Stone volunteered to become the team leader for the High School tours.

She also reported that the Power Point Team consists of 3 new provisional, and the more experienced docents have undertaken the bulk of the presentations.

PROVISIONAL CHAIRS: Gretchen Simpson & Kathryn Padgett

Gretchen reported that the class was quickly approaching the December 6 date for the 3-minute presentations. Everyone has chosen a piece and is preparing the Object Worksheet. The mentors have been alerted to step in and offer support as needed. We have had a few absences but no one is over the maximum of 2 so our number is still holding at 13. This class continues to consistently complete all homework assignments and enthusiastically meet other requirements. Class

discussions are lively, creative and stimulating. We are pleased to see that social bonds are forming and they unanimously attended and enjoyed the cocktail party at the home of Guy Strickland, graciously hosted by last year's class.

RESEARCH: Mary Ellen Hoffman

Mary Ellen reported that Loree Gold with the help from many others, is spearheading the effort to move research papers over the new website and also combing the files for older papers to put online (requiring both that they be typed up and edited). It is a big project, but she has made a lot of headway. Two papers from last year's provisional class still remain to be available for the website –one just needing to be put in electronic form by the docent, the other to receive final approval from the curator. Mary Ellen did contribute the first article from the Research Chair to La Muse and will see if there is enough going on to do on a quarterly basis. She informed the group that she will continue to post articles (primarily from the LA Times and NYT) on the bulletin board in the Docent Council office of relevance to our collections and special exhibits. The LA Times recently wrote an article on "The Artful Recluse". She will be joining the new community website and develop the evolving role of the Research Chair to coincide with the development of the new website. A reminder that the check-out of DVD's of lectures will be under Amanda's prevue instead of the docent office.

EVALUATIONS: Sue Skenderian

Sue reported that of this date all to be evaluated this year have been notified and evaluators sent their assignments. Special exhibition leaders have been reminded recently to evaluate team members and it is done. I have also checked in with student evaluators and they are beginning the process. As of this date we have:

Student Tours.....	0
Highlight Tours.....	4
Focus Tours.....	1
Special Exhibition Tours....	1
Classroom Presentations...	0
Total.....	6

New docents touring students are still a priority to evaluate and others will follow in their time slots.

I have met with the classroom presentation team and they are now planning to evaluate their presentations. Forms are available in the docent office in the right hand drawer below our computer along with envelopes in Sue's cubby.

Senior Outreach is complete as of this date. These are the residences and docents who will give slide presentations:

Friendship Adult Care Center.....Katherine Eastman

Samarkand.....Loree Gold

Casa Dorinda.....Ann Hammond

First Presbyterian.....Christine Holland

Villa Riviera.....Gail Stichler

Maravilla.....Helene Strobel

Santa Barbara Convalescent.....Sue Skenderian

Five slide presentations have been scheduled, with one being done today.

WEBMASTER: Ricki Morse

Discussed under New Business.

NOMINATIONS: Irene Stone

Department of Education: Patsy Hicks & Rachel Krieps

Rachel reported that DVD's of the Docent Council meetings and lectures were being transferred to the website to allow for easier access. Patsy Hicks informed the Board that the Martin Kersel interview was videotaped.

She invited the docents to attend the Atelier on Friday 11/16/12 "Drink to the Moon" and thanked them for all their hard work.

ADJOURNMENT: President Kathryn Padgett adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.

NEXT MEETING: The next Board Meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 @ 9:30am in Luria Room.