

Archives minutes 6-9-21

Museum & Archives Committee - Arden Craft Shop Museum Monthly Minutes

Recorded by Beverly Hawkins

On Wednesday **June 9, 2021**, a hybrid Zoom / In-person meeting was held at 7:30pm

Those **present** were: Robin, Vickie, Liz, Elaine, Allan, Pat, Beverly, Abby, Maria, Barbara, Lisa, Mary-Brent, and Abby

4th of July Schedule:

Lisa proposed that the museum be closed on Holiday Sunday, July 4th. Everyone agreed.

Artisan Trail:

Over 20 visitors signed into the museum for the 3rd Artisan Trail (a new tradition started during the 2019-21 Pandemic) held on Saturday June 5th, 12-5pm. The museum sold \$35.00 of merchandise. *As a reminder:* T-shirt sale funds go into the pink plastic box to be split with the Arden Club. Thus, for each \$10.00 T-shirt, the museum receives \$5.00.

We are looking forward to who will be awarded the **Art Scholarship**. Perhaps have an event at the museum for the award distribution. The number of award winners depends on the amount of money collected. Stuart Craig, who graciously co-ordinates the Artisan Trail Events, will be able to report on the amount raised for scholarships. At the award ceremony, the museum could also have refreshments and make it celebratory.

Producer for WHYY Friday Arts:

Lisa, Sadie and Cookie Olsen are part of this project.

Karen Smyles (WHYY producer) would like to do a feature on the history of the community of Arden. Topics include history of the government of Arden and early architecture. Original Founders house to be viewed and is currently under renovation. Karen will film for a full day on the 22nd or 23rd of June. Sadie is coordinating with her. In the past WHYY has covered Russ McKinney, Warren Rosenkranz, Rick Rothrock, Phil Fisher, and briefly, the Museum. The program will air sometime in December.

Oral History Taking:

Sadie will do an update on the oral history project.

Winterthur intern still doing interviews

Hans Franke is working with her to edit the conversations.

Barbara:

ACRA Summer program

June 28th to July 30th

Clare Consavage is coordinating the program.

Museum would like to do something this year

Scavenger hunt maybe?

Maybe 2 days with half of the kids on one day and remaining half on second day. No more than 10 kids at a time.

Walk the labyrinth? We will need some coverage for these days

Shakespeare's Greatest Hits:

Friday September 17th, Saturday September 18th @7:30

Sunday September 19th @2pm

Shakespeare themed cocktails and light fare.

This October: "Artwork in the Ardens" Exhibition 1900-1960

The art closet was re-organized by Abby and Robin - room for 20 additional pieces and items will be much easier to locate.

Found a piece by Buzz Ware. It reads "Art and Craft" and "Exhibition" on top of the panel. This will be the signature piece for the exhibition - dates from the 30's

The piece can be stabilized but not conserved - broken in 3 different places

Reasonable estimate was given.

Naomi Clark has a significant number of pieces by her mother Judith Blam and will be contacted to see if things can be exhibited "on loan".

Abby's Report:

A single object has been offered - a hand colored version of the Craft Shop print (original Russ McKinney). Phoebe Schwartz offered it. It is the 5th in a run of 12. The Committee voted to accept the piece.

Arden Pool Food Truck Night:

For one of the evenings - Museum set up table and have a pop-up exhibit.

Barbara, Beverly and Vickie to help.

Jean Covert reached out to find information on **2215 Mill Lane**. Married to Michael Oats, writer. Committee members provided some information which Abby will forward to the caller.

Calendar for July:

Wednesday July 7th: Beverly

Sunday July 11th: ?

Wednesday July 14th: Meeting

Sunday July 18th: Lisa

Wednesday July 21st: Allan

Sunday July 25th: Elaine

Wednesday July 28th: Maria

Mary Brent is able to substitute last minute.

Alton Dahl presented a large box of files from his time as a member of the group which organized the Museum. He was also on the Board for some time. These files will be integrated into the Institutional file section of the Archives. Alton's files included a folder of photographs from the early days of the Museum – probably before the actual opening. This blue file will be left on the desk for everyone to enjoy.

Elaine: Bob Wynn stopped in on Sunday with questions or comments about **Industrial Models. Part of Ardentown History.** Bob also came to the meeting with a 1950's magazine which included an article about the company.

Lisa: **hybrid model for meetings** seem to work well. We hope to keep this format as long as it is an option.