

# TOWN OF MANSFIELD

## Arts Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, September 13, 2022

5:00pm

### MANSFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

#### Draft Minutes

#### 1. Called To Order at 5:11 pm

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Guests: Steven Ferrigno, Cynthia Van Zelm, Brian Coleman, members of the Economic Development Commission and Downtown Partnership. Mission: To promote and enhance the downtown area.

#### 2. Minutes of meeting on 9/1/22 approved and seconded

3. **Public Comments: Possible to have a juried Art show for kids?** Yes, but not juried, and divided into age groups.

4. **Art Event proposed by the Downtown Partnership.** Steven Ferrigno spoke to working together to promote this idea. Brian Coleman noted a contact list available to us. One day four-hour event going on in Coventry now, as an example. Family activities available. Dance performance, David Hayes sculpture tour, etc. Looking at late spring/early summer as a target date for a Mansfield event. Would be nice to start a tradition that we can build on for future years. Cynthia Van Zelm: In the past, we did have a juried art show at the

festival, have done the Square Fair every month in the summer for a few years. We did solicitation in the spring, but got little interest. Painting storefronts was suggested. Some places are more involved than others. Work would be up for a month, or several months. Speaking for the partnership, they would like to involve our local artists. There is money for funding; council has approved. Suggestions included pop-up tents for artists to display and sell their art. Other activities flow around that event. We would like to have these events when UConn is in session (perhaps just before graduation, first week of May) to increase participation. More and more people interested in showing their work. We need to keep the focus on art, and if there is music, it should be separate from artists sharing their work. Criteria for display need to be published in advance. The AAC will ask for feedback on this idea in the survey to be distributed at the Celebrate Mansfield event later this month.

5. **Summer Garden Harvest Community Art Exhibit** Reception Wed. 9/14, 5:30-7:00 PM in the Arts and Crafts room. Conversation among artists and attendees will take place in the halls where the work is on display.
6. **Pending artwork** - 20 people entered the Juried Art Show. Committee members reviewed all the submissions. Notification of approval will be sent to the artists; work should be dropped off between 9/26-10/3. AAC will hang works after monthly meeting on October 4<sup>th</sup>. Artwork picked up after Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.
7. **Juried Art Show** Tom Hebert and Katherine Myers will judge the show on Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> (\$50 stipend). Tags for art will include name and medium. We will have a People's Choice Award, as well as 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards. 2D and 3D art work will be accepted. Suggest art be no more than 20"X30"
8. **AAC table at Celebrate Mansfield on 9/24 from 2:00-6:00** We plan to have people fill out survey while they do an art activity (collage in a frame).
9. **CSA collaboration** AAC is being asked to help with advertising, promoting our town's visual arts and Lenard Hall. Contact with people who can teach music; 4-6 pianos available, as well as small rooms for other instruments.  
**Tabled for next meeting**
10. **Plein Air Mansfield: Tabled for next meeting.** Connect it with the Downtown Partnership Event.
11. **Storefront Space for Local Artists: Tabled for next meeting**

**12. Discussion on arts center and letter to town council. Tabled for next meeting**

**For next month's agenda:**

Accepting submissions for art shows: what towns are included (example NE CT/ 10 mile radius), how many pieces will we accept...

Meeting adjourned at 6:40

Next regular meeting is on **Tuesday June 7, 2022 at 5:00PM**

Respectfully submitted,  
Judy McChesney

