



## NWACC Art Club Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 7, 2009

The Northwest Arkansas Community College Art Club met in a Meeting on Wednesday, October 7 of 2009 at 5:00pm in room 1075 in Burns Hall. The meeting was called to order at 5:05 pm by President Sarah Carson. 7 members were in attendance.

### GUEST SPEAKER: PATTI MOCIVNIK ON THE "FIRST AMENDMENT FORUM"

- A grant was secured at the last minute from the Liberty Tree Foundation Initiative. It is a small amount but the grant will pay for the keynote speaker (who may be Gene Policinski of the First Amendment Foundation or Ken Paulson from the Newseum). NWACC will be one of eight institutions participating in this event (including Yale & Iowa State University, among others).
- The NWACC event will be a weeklong, interdisciplinary event (history, government, law, music, art, etc.). Educators will be asked to find some way to incorporate the first amendment into classroom curriculum.
- A Liberty Tree<sup>+</sup> will be planted on NWACC's property to commemorate the first amendment.
- Patti invited the NWACC Art Club to make an "interactive" display about a first amendment issue in art.
- The event will be the week of April 4, 2010. The target audience is the NWACC Communication & Arts Division, artists, writers, the 35 higher education institutions within driving distance of NWACC, and the community in general.
- The forum will contain workshops, guest speakers, and/or seminars. Faculty/students are urged to act as hosts and/or moderators. Topics might be in the form of discussions, workshops, and/or round tables. White Auditorium has been reserved for these purposes for two days (April 7 & 8). On the evening of April 7, there will be a reception for all involved. A Jeopardy game style competition will be part of the event. Participants will be surveyed at the end of the event.
- Finally, Patti encouraged the formation of subcommittees to plan for the event.
- Club members present were very energized at the prospect of this event and bounced several ideas around. Ideas were tabled for the time-being and Stephanie requested that the members present type down some of their ideas and email them to her so she could compile them and have a brainstorming session meeting devoted to this project in the future.

### REPORT ON ART ROCKS

- Stephanie gave the fiscal report from the event.
- While a great experience and keeping the Club "in the black", financially, it was not an a large fundraiser for the Club and earned no funds for the Benton County School of the Arts High School.
- Everyone at the meeting was very positive about the experience, and discussed ways it could be done differently next time. It is hoped the Club will get to have a similar event on campus in the future, for minimal or no cost.



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**FALL FESTIVAL – OCTOBER 30**

- Time of the event will be 6 – 8 pm on the front lawn of White Auditorium
- Forms have been filled out.
- Alex Garcia has contributed posters already, but more posters are needed—particularly those that are amenable to children’s face-sized holes.
- Alex Avitts offered to get more movie posters from a friend.
- Patti Mocivnik (still in attendance at this meeting), offered the use of her tent.
- Alex Garcia (or Kris Johnson) may shoot the photos for the event.
- The next NWACC Art Club meeting will be a work day: posters should be brought by then (October 21), as well as spray mount and cardboard sheets.

**THE MEETING ADJOURNED AT 5:51 PM.**

+ The **Liberty Tree** (1646–1775) was a famous elm tree that stood in Boston, near Boston Common, in the days before the American Revolution. The tree was a rallying point for the growing resistance to the rule of England over the American colonies. In the years that followed, almost every American town had its own Liberty Tree—a living symbol of popular support for individual liberty and resistance to tyranny. In some locales, a Liberty Pole rather than a tree served the same political purpose.