

SILVER CITY MUSEUM BOARD MEETING

September 27, 2012

Present: Aaron Hozid, Bonita Montz, Pat Morrissey, Susan Musgrove, Ronald Phair, Lucy Whitmarsh.

Absent: Norman Ruebush, Robert Schweitzer.

Call to Order: Meeting called to order at 5:15 PM by Board Vice-President, Aaron Hozid.

Introductions: New board member, Ron Phair, was introduced.

Public Input: None

Minutes of July 26, 2012: Lucy Whitmarsh motioned that the minutes be accepted as read, Ron Phair seconded the motion, minutes accepted as read.

Museum Society Board Report: By Susan Musgrove. See attached.

Directors Report: By Tracy Spikes. See attached.

Committee Reports:

Education Report: See attached.

Exhibitions Report: See attached.

Collections Report: See attached.

Norman Ruebush Issue Advisory Committee: Minutes with addendum were accepted. In light of Museum Town Board Code and the recently adopted Town Board Ordinance No. 1212, Bonita Montz motioned to remand the Norman Ruebush concerns to the Museum staff. Lucy Whitmarsh seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Additional Board Members: The Town has received two additional applications. Both applicants will be reviewed by staff and board members.

Town Board and Joint Town and Society Board Meetings: Each board member received a packet that included the most updated Museum Town Board Code, The new Museum Town Board Ordinance No.1212 and the current Town Board Rules of Order. There are some discrepancies between the Rules of Order and the Town Board Code. Susan Musgrove motioned and Pat Morrissey seconded, that Bonita Montz go through the two documents and make corrections to the Rules of Order. Motion passed. Once the documents coincide, the Board will begin addressing the outstanding issues such as number and type of meetings, establishing a committee for restructuring, and decide if changes should be made.

Adjournment: Susan Musgrove motioned that we adjourn the meeting, Ronald Phair seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 6:48 pm.

The next meeting will be November 29, 2012.

Submitted by: Bonita Montz, Secretary

Society Liaison Report - September 20, 2012

- Leif Nordell will serve as new treasurer of the board.
- A draft of the new museum brochure is available in the office for viewing.
- The existing board has agreed to serve next year and 2 vacancies need to be filled.
- Current membership total is down a bit and is 302.
- 88 mugs have thus far been sold in the upcoming *Get Mugged* event with 200 more to be sold. Only one event will be held in 2013.
- The Annual Society meeting will be Oct. 28, from 1-4 pm.
- There will no longer be joint meetings with the Town Board according to town ordinances.
- Victorian Christmas will include a 'Cookie Contest' with prizes awarded.
- A letter of support in favor of the Waterworks grant cleanup project will be sent.
- There are currently approximately 70 volunteers donating over 6000 hours to the museum in various capacities.

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Director's Report

- Work continues on developing a new museum information brochure. This will take the place of the current 4 fold brochure and is intended to be an in-house hand-out to our guests. We will do shorter print runs to allow for changes and updates on a more regular basis. What you see being passed around is a third draft. Many of the photos are still place holders and there is still some text changes coming for some of the panels. Tim and Pat worked with me on the original concept and staff has helped with their respective panel areas.
- "Gila Wide" exhibit is up! The opening was well attended with some new faces and lots of good comments on the other exhibits.
- Charmeine and I attended separate days of the two-day workshop for non-profits sponsored by Freeport-McMoRan. Loads of good information that we will share down the road.
- "Trails, Tales and Historias" is de-installed in prep for the Quilt exhibit.
- Murray Hotel invited us to put a street front window display in one of the hotel shop windows. Tom, Jackie and I are developing the display.
- Jessa and Connie presented the 1st pilot of the new 3rd grade curriculum field trip program, "Footprints in Time" to two visiting classes. Rave reviews from teachers and students. Related to the program is the new addition of large "Then and Now" graphic panels on the exterior windows of the collection wing. Please check out this new addition.
- Connie, Liz and I are developing new guidelines for courtyard rentals that will aid in the development of promoting the space.
- Town Council voted to change the ordinance for the Town Museum Board paving the way for future involvement with advisory committees supporting museum objectives.
- This week, staff will be submitting request for McCune Foundation to support exhibits for FY 2013.
- Jackie presented a W.I.L.L. class with Tom Hester on the inner workings of the research library and collections.
- Staff presented a Brown Bag Grab Bag talk and tour of programs, exhibits and collections management.
- Jessa set up and presented outreach activities at Gila River Festival and Red Hot Children's Festival.
- I will be attending the Mountain Plains Museum Association conference in Corpus Christi on Oct. 1 returning Oct. 6. I expect to see Jay and meet many other museum regional museum folks to let them know what a great job all of our volunteers, staff and board members are doing in continuing to move the museum forward.
- Jesse Seaberry's term ended with the Goodwill program that paid him to help us with front desk reception. His last day was September 15. Staff and volunteers gave him a fond farewell in appreciation for all his work with us and hopes he will continue as a volunteer.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE MUSEUM

Thursday, October 4

12 pm at the Museum Annex

Brown Bag program: *Centennial Geologists in Southwestern New Mexico* with David Menzie

Friday, October 5

First Friday at the Museum

5–7 pm

Exhibit Opening: *Stars Over New Mexico Quilt Show* with the Southwest New Mexico Quilters Guild

Saturday, October 6

10 am–12 pm at the Museum Annex

Quilting Children's Craft Class

To pre-register and for info call: 538-5921

2 pm at the Museum Annex

FINAL New Mexico Ghost Play Cycle Staged Play Reading:

Return, 1913 by Victoria Tester **For Mature Audiences**

Saturday, October 13

10 am at the Museum Annex

Book Signing: *Desert Traders* by Carolyn O'Bagy Davis

2 pm at the Museum Annex

Book Signing: *Hoist a Cold One: Historic Bars of the Southwest* by Melody Groves

Saturday, October 20

2 pm at the Museum

Book Signing: *Copper Mining in Santa Rita, New Mexico, 1801-1838* by Helen Lundwall

Saturday, October 27

2 pm at the Museum

Book Signing: *Enchanted Legends & Lore of New Mexico* by Ray John de Aragón

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Brown Bag Program

- September's Centennial Brown Bag presentation was "*Grab Bag Brown Bag*," with the museum's Curator of Collections, Curator of Education, and Curator of Collections, and was presented on Thursday, September 6 at 12 noon at the Museum Annex and the Museum. 7 people attended
- October's Centennial Brown Bag presentation will be "*Centennial Geologists in Southwestern New Mexico*," with David Menzie, and will be presented on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at 12 noon at the Museum Annex.

Community Events

- 2 children attended the *Sand Painting* craft class on September 1st. The next craft class will be the *Quilting* class, presented in conjunction with the quilt exhibit *Stars Over New Mexico*, which will be held Saturday, October 6 at 10 am, at the Museum Annex.

Outreach Events

- **Thursday, September 13 - Children's Water Festival** in Mimbres
 - 178 children received Museum pencils, and 227 attended the event, as counted by event organizers.
- **Saturday, September 15 - Red Hot Children's Fiesta** at WNMU
 - 101 families received the Museum's calendar of upcoming children's events.

Planned Outreach Events for next month

- **Thursday, October 11 - Children's Water Festival** in Gila

New Mexico Ghost Play Cycle Play Reading Series

- Saturday, September 1, 2012 there was a Staged Play Reading of *Silver City* by Victoria Tester, at the Museum Annex. 17 people attended.
- Next month's presentation of the New Mexico Ghost Play Cycle will be *Return, 1913*, and will be performed Saturday, October 6, 2012 at 2 pm at the Annex. **This is the last play reading** of the 15 plays in the Cycle, which have been presented once a month since August 2011.

Submitted 9/19/2012

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The roof work is finished on the collection wing

The roof work is finished on the collection wing. Tracy and I had a walk through with Mark Hotchkiss the roofer and everything looks good. The plastic is off the collection and the most of the photo archives has been moved back to its original housing.

This will allow us to really get into collections again for inventory, housing new donations and accessioning of the collection.

Through this whole process the collection volunteers have been very supportive and active in helping keep the collection as safe as possible. The museum staff is also been helpful in keeping an eye on any leaks during the roof installation when I was not there, especially on the weekends.

Knowing that the collections is under a new roof is relief.

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Exhibitions Report to the Board 9/20/12

The Dennis Weller Exhibit *Gila Wide* was installed on September 5th and 6th. The exhibit consists of 14 panoramic photographs of the Gila River. The exhibit opening was held Friday, September 7 with over 40 people attending the opening. The exhibit closes February 24, 2013. New hanging cables and picture hooks were purchased for this exhibition. The addition of the new hanging materials will increase the range of the newly purchased track systems and the picture rail system throughout the museum.

I am in the process of submitting a grant to the McCune Charitable Foundation. We are asking for \$10,000 for exhibitions. The initial staff meetings have taken place over the past few weeks and once a final read-through has been done, I will be submitting the grant application by the end of this week.

I will be building a workbench with storage and a set of shelves in the exhibition prep room. The prep room and a portion of the annex are slowly being organized to accommodate the storage of pedestals, vitrines, and text panels from past exhibits.

Jackie will be heading up the quilt exhibit and I have begun to prepare for the next round of exhibits. Six exhibits are planned for 2013: Vessels from our collection, Women of New Mexico, Gems and Minerals, Contemporary and Traditional Southwestern Fiber Arts, Ghost Towns, and the development of an introductory gallery to the museum. Each of the exhibits will have interactive, community outreach, and educational components.