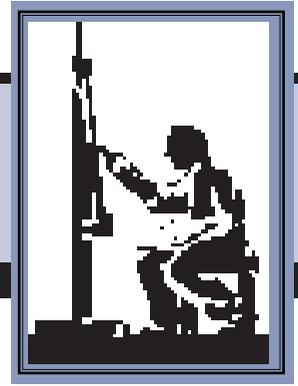


ALGER ARTS & CULTURE

APRIL 18, 2007

NEWSLETTER



THE SECOND MEETING

The second meeting of the emerging Alger Arts & Culture group occurred on April 17, 2007, at the Alger Heritage Center. Again, over 30 people attended the two hour meeting, which focused on a discussion of potential Arts and Culture initiatives that can enhance our quality of life and community economic stability. We were glad to see a few new faces!

FROM LISTS TO ACTION!

The group added to the original brainstorm list of possible projects and ideas. The balance of the evening was spent detailing five initiatives we are committing to accomplish in the coming months. The task groups that formed and their leads are:

501C.3. Incorporating - research and refile with the state.

- Lead: Nichole Swanberg
- Frank Castiglione
- Judy Bolsenga
- Christine Rosenberg?

Sidewalk Art Show/Farmers Market/Screening Committee/Demonstrations & Sales/Integrate Arts in Existing Events/ACHS Barbecue by the Bay

- Lead: Autumn Jauck
- Vicki Ballas
- Ted & Janet Nesberg
- Thomas Bourget & Jill Ford
- Suzette Quinn
- Michelle Hach
- Mary Jo Cook

Artists Coop Gallery

- Art/Artist Segment Co-lead: Phyllis Northup/
Gregg Bruff
- Dick Chaltry
- Michelle Hach
- Thomas Bourget & Jill Ford
- Erin Putvin

- Don Snitgen
- Ed Lasich
- Autumn Jauck
- Frank Castiglione
- Greg Quinn
- Janet & Ted Nesberg
- Carlene Harwick
- Stan Bolsenga
- Business Segment Co-lead: Phyllis Northup/
Gregg Bruff
- Christine Rosenberg?
- Erin Putvin
- Bob Eslinger

Advertising and Promotion

- Lead: Joan Vinette
- Char Dugas
- John Pruden
- Suzette Quinn
- Norma Harger

Public art in association with existing Walking Tour

- Co-lead: Greg Quinn, Ted Nesberg
- Rod DesJardins



PERFORMING ARTS?

The group suggested a Performing Arts component, but no one was there to volunteer to participate on this theme. If you are interested in leading a group to enhance this concept, call Phyllis or Gregg.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The next Arts 'N Culture meeting is Tuesday, May 1 at the Alger Heritage Center - 7 p.m. Task group leads should provide e-mail notes of their group meetings to Bob Eslinger, Gregg Bruff, and Phyllis Northup *prior to the May 1 meeting*. Please do this as its important to track group activities. Be thinking of DATES for the various upcoming events.

Gregg and Phyllis will both be out of town May 1.
Bob Eslinger will facilitate the meeting.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The Artist Show/Sale at Munising Credit Union is rescheduled for April 25/26! Support your fellow artists there!

The Lake Superior Youth Symposium is coming to town with some 200 kids on May 12. Don Snitgen is hoping to do a blacksmith demonstration for them at the Heritage Center. Other interpretive/educational activities will occur in the Lakeshore and Forest.

Remember the upcoming May 19 All City Rummage Sale! Can we develop an ART component?

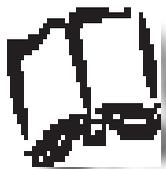
Keep checking www.munisinginfo.com for updates.

WHAT'S ON YOUR MIND?

If you have ideas or would like to discuss what is going on, please feel free to contact:

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READING CORNER

If you are interested in reading about art and culture, take a look at: *The Artist As Native: Reinventing Regionalism*, and *A Sense of Place: the Artist and the American Land*, both by Alan Gussow. If you have a book to recommend, please let Gregg or Phyllis know so we can list it here.

VISIT WITH ONE ANOTHER...

A Word file of people interested in arts and culture is available. Contact Gregg for an e-copy.

REMEMBER - TAKE TIME TO CREATE!

EXPANDED FLIP CHART LIST

As of the 17th meeting, our ideas list now includes:

- Develop a community bread oven.
- Public art and sculpture - skateboard park?
- Artist incubator.
- Look into developing a community foundation to assist with funding.
- Incorporate Elm Street Players and the Mather auditorium.
- Organize / facilitate groups at Mather (Alger Parks & Rec. doing this now).
- Build on existing events with an art and culture component - marathon, bike race, snowmobile race, Taste-N-Glide, etc.
- Reinstate former Alger Arts Council as first step.
- Sell local arts products via the web.
- Consider web links from existing sites - Chamber of Commerce, MAPD, etc.
- Get a PLACE - consider renting a coop building.
- Let the community know what we have in terms of arts and culture.
- Public art on buildings - murals.
- Combine local arts and nature attributes.
- Respect/embrace what people have done here.
- Community scavenger hunt to reveal what is here, e.g. Walking Tour.
- Use Channel 21 in town to promote arts and culture.
- Youth video arts events via high school.
- Add plaques / sculpture to Walking Tour (possible DDA funding?)
- Hold art shows - sidewalk art show.
- Ethnic heritage festival
- Antique auto/tractor show
- Bay Furnace as a venue
- Waterfalls tour with art component
- Collaborate with tribal pow-wow with arts component
- Incorporate arts with Grand Island marathon
- Incorporate arts with Kayak Symposium



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

The next Community Aesthetics discussion meeting is April 24, 7 p.m., at the Mather Board Room. Please join us! If you wish to be on this newsletter mailing list, let Gregg know.