



## October 2022 Director's Report

Greetings! I hope everyone got their invite to our Membership Meeting this Thursday the 13<sup>th</sup>. It is from 6:30-8:30 and you'll get an overview of the happenings of the Pump House, including a report for our 2021 activities. We will be offering a special class for members this spring that will be available to those of you who wish to participate. It is sponsored by our board President, Mike Throne. Thanks Mike!

Our new show for October is up and running! Fabric in Art, sponsored by Old Town Fabric Shop, has a wonderful collection of quilts, dresses, quilted photographs and more. Board member Angela Young organized this show and brought us this wonderful collection. If you haven't seen it, it runs through October. She has a fashion show scheduled for October 22<sup>nd</sup> that you should not miss. With limited seating, you can purchase a ticket at the Pump House for \$10. There will be vendors there before and after the show. For October, we are also selling chances to win a Jack Pine pumpkin. Stop in and get your ticket and buy a chance to win one of these one of a kind pumpkins by Jack Pine.

Angela also organized our Juneteenth celebration with many activities back in June. She was recently honored by the Ross County Chapter of the NAACP with the President's Award for her work bringing this celebration to life for all of Ross County and pledges to make it even better next year. The Pump House is very proud of her organizational skills and appreciates all of her efforts for this series of events.

Our volunteer staff has increased this past month with two new additions. Millicent Williams is working our evening shift on Thursday from 4-6. Millicent recently retired from a management position in California and moved to Chillicothe to be closer to her family. Her daughter, board member Jade Berry, who is active in the community and owns The Stack on Mulberry Street next to the Rost. Shirley Vickers has also joined our ranks. She will be working with board member and volunteer Cheri Noel on Friday from 11-4. Both are very talented and bring their organizational skills to an already outstanding group.

We are open Tuesday-Sunday. On Tuesday, board member Alice Reynolds works the shift 11-4 with her ever present companion Jake. Alice has a love for writing grants and works with me as our grant's coordinator. Wednesday, Steve Robinson is there 11-4. He has a great knack for technology and keeps the computers running. An avid photographer, he has entered many of our shows and has prints for sale in the gift shop. On Thursday, Bev Reilly is there 11-4, then Millicent takes over for the day. Bev is a long time devotee of the Pump House and has previously served as our Board President. She is a talented artist and has won numerous awards at area art shows. With her knowledge of the local art scene, she serves as our program coordinator. We already have our 2023 shows booked and she is working on 2024. As mentioned before, Shirley and Cheri run the 11-4 shift on Friday, and board member Angela Young keeps us running until 6 PM.

Board member and Treasurer Dave Rieder has the weekends as he's done for over 15 years! 11-4 on Saturdays and 1-4 Sundays. With over 30 rentals per year, Dave serves as our representative for many of them. There needs to be a representative for all of our rentals to make it work. We have had class reunions, weddings, receptions, political fund raisers and parties this year to name a few.

We would like to have more volunteers. Ideally, we would have two volunteers for every shift./ That is the goal. If you are interested in volunteering, reach out. Call me at 740-703-6514 and we can talk about how you can fit in. Office skills, a love for decorating, handyman abilities, all are needed to keep the Pump House viable and a necessary anchor for art in our area.

We have recently received a grant to help with our show costs for 2023. Local businesses such as Tomlinson Insurance, The Atomic Credit Union, Kingston National Bank, B&B Roofing, Meredith Tomlinson, and other local businesses. All of our shows this year have had sponsors to cover our costs. That's how you get your postcards!

We wish you well. Please support the Pump House. With your membership, we continue to preserve its architectural integrity and promote local art. It's a great combination. Made possible by our dedicated volunteer staff, grants, membership, rentals, and donations.