



August 2022 Director's Report

The Pump House's new paint job is finishing up. This was enabled by a \$10,000 grant from the Shaeffer foundation and was much needed. As near as I can tell, it has been quite a while since the last one. Some of the windowsills on the Palladian windows were rotted and fixed as well. All in all, the paint job looks great. We went with the original colors, as they were attractive, and we didn't have to go through the Design Review Board.

This month we've written grants for new tables and tablecloths from the Herrnstein family trust and new flooring for the main gallery and gift shop from a Paccar grant. We will know shortly if they were successful. I can't thank enough Alice Reynolds and Vicki Pritchard for their help on the grant writing team we have. The Table grant request was for \$2,6000 and the floor grant was for \$20,000. It sure will make a difference if they go through and we get the projects completed. We are still waiting approval of our capital grant through the state for our brick work. This was approved initially but is awaiting final approval with the governor. It was for over \$125,000.

Bev Reilly has been working steadily on our programs for next year and the following year. She has 2023 completely booked and well on her way to complete 2024. It will be a great line up as it is taking shape. She has a broad background in the arts as an artist and has a long history with the Pump House, having served as the board president at one time. She also volunteers for a weekly shift, as does Alice. We are very lucky to have them.

We finished up with our Gerry Enrico show in July. It was a beautiful show with many creative pieces on display. Sponsored by Jim Butt's trust in memory of his son, we had decent traffic, but as many of our shows go, not many sales unfortunately. This month's show was hard to pull off, working against the Rotary's First Thursday, we held our opening the second Thursday, which was during the Ross County Fair. The August show is all about LEGOS, Sponsored by Meredith Tomlinson of the Tomlinson Real Estate Group. John Bucy is a local LEGO artist and is highly creative. He has on display a replica of the Ross County Court House with over 80,000 pieces that were utilized. His show fills the downstairs gallery. We had hoped it would attract some of the younger children and it hasn't disappointed us in that regard.

Next month's show is The Hills, our regular September show. It is sponsored by the Kingston National Bank. This show will be judged with cash prizes and ribbons for the winners. It is always well received and attracts a lot of interest.

Fall is coming and we look forward to increased traffic in the gift shop. We are in negotiations with Jack Pine to do a repeat one-day show November 19th. We hope it brings in a crowd like last year. We are partnered with OU-C for three lecture type classroom experiences where a guest lecturer comes in with a class and they hold it in the gallery. They had five extra noncredit seats available that were offered up to Pump House members and the board.

We continue to strive to fulfill our mission to bring exciting art forms to southern Ohio and to maintain our wonderful 1883 building, The Pump House Center for the Arts!