



December 2022 Director's Report

December is already here and with it the end of our fiscal year. For those of you fiscally minded we are ending up in the black. Sort of. We ended last year with a large amount in our checking account due to a grant for \$10,000 for painting the outside. We then spent that in June of 2022 for the needed paint job. The building looks great. The north side eve has a big spider problem and there are webs over the new paint job. We are looking into spraying that in the spring to get rid of those critters.

This year we also benefited by the board getting the main gallery painted upstairs and down. This was a board expense but was much needed. Through a grant, another project is replacing tables. We received funds recently for 8 new round tables and cloths as well as 8 new 6 foot tables and cloths to replace our existing ones that are worn out. I have fixed most of the old ones and have a potential buyer for them from another entity. This grant was from the Herrnstein Family Trust.

We have an approved grant from the Ohio Arts Council to help with our shows for 2023. We will continue to solicit monthly sponsors, so this money will be used to add to and improve our shows for the year. Monthly sponsors were obtained for every show in 2022! Alice Reynolds, Vicki Pritchard, and Lisa Humphries, all board members met in November with The Ohio Art's Councils chairperson to see how they can continue with funding in the future. If we receive 3 consecutive awards from them, we can ask for monies to be used for operating expenses. This could be a big help to us in the future.

We had a great turn out for our December opening of "The Holiday Show". We have artwork and crafts both downstairs and up. We sold several paintings that night and continue to do so. The vendors were mostly present for the show and that certainly helped boost sales.

You may have noticed the skating rink in the adjacent city parking lot. We met with The Mighty Children's Museum and gave permission to sell skating tickets and skate rentals out of the Pump House for the holiday season. Their business has been picking up and they are having a good year. The advantage to them is that they can set up a full rink instead of an abbreviated version. Their ticket sellers can remain warm while selling tickets. We even have Santa upstairs on the red sofa to see all of his kids he is bringing toys to! They are open til 9 on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday. The advantage to us is that many people are coming into the Pump House for the first time. You'd be surprised how many people still don't know there is an art gallery right here in Yoctangee Park!

Our present show runs through December 30th, when it will come down. We are closed the month of January, and reopen with our "Best of Ross County" high school show. The Atomic Employee's Credit Union is again sponsoring this event. See you at the Pump House!