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Director's Report – May 2022

Greetings from the Pump House! We had an eventful April with lots of activities. Our opening for the Chillicothe Art League's Spring open was well attended March 31st, with over 150 people showing up. They had a nice award's presentation, giving cash prizes to the winners and ribbons as well. After Dr. Robert Kroeger's visit on the 6th, we had Earth Day. This is a rental for us, but a very busy day indeed starting at 8AM Shelly Pocock does a great job organizing this event. It was well attended, with over 200 people coming through the Pump House that day. We sold over \$1000 worth of merchandise. It was a beautiful day for the event. April finished up with a nice rental on the 28th for a commissioner candidate and the month, all told, grossed over \$8600.00. Included in this was a grant written by board member Vicki Pritchard for \$1,600 from the Fox Hill Fund through the Chillicothe-Ross Community Foundation for an art camp for the Carver Community Center to be held here and taught by our own Cheri Noel, volunteer and board member.

The Street Faire, conceived and organized by board member Jade Berry, who owns "The Stack", could not have been better. About 28 artists filled East 2nd Street on the evening of Friday, April 29th. Many board members and volunteers were there to help. Perfect weather made for a perfect night. It was well attended. On the band stand, local bands provided the entertainment.

May is already here and our show, {Captured!}, an open photography show, had its opening May 5th. Again, attendance was great. The show runs through the end of the month. Artists will be picking up their photographs May 29th. We gave a grand prize of \$150.00 to the winner, \$100.00 to first place, \$75 to second place, and \$50 to third. All winners also received a nice ribbon. The show was sponsored by Gerber Insurance.

The big news for the month is that we are beginning the painting of the Pump House trim. This is being funded with a grant from the Robert and Genevieve Shaefer Foundation, with \$10,000 awarded for this project. We are going with the same exterior colors as they blend well with the brick and we don't have to go through the Design Review Board. Work will continue on this for the rest of the month.

Next month, "Celebrating Artists of Color" will return with many activities planned for every weekend to celebrate "Juneteenth". Angela Young, our Vice President on the board is chairing this event in conjunction with the NAACP. An itinerary is attached. Don't miss out! Plan to attend all of our events!