

LaConner Arts Commission

April 6, 2009

LaConner Civic Garden Club

In attendance: Tracy Powell, Claire Eberle, Pat Doran, Rebecca Chamberlain, Alex Kramer, Star Arens, John Doyle, Town Administrator
Absent: Kelly Wynn

In the absence of the Chair, Tracy Powell called the meeting to order.

It was moved by Claire and seconded by Rebecca to accept the minutes of the March meeting. Passed

Public Comments: None

Announcements: Pat mentioned upcoming events at the Historical Museum. A benefit dance titled the *Tulip Two Step* will be held April 25th at the Fredonia Grange. A book signing with the photographers who *produced* the *Harvesting the Light* exhibit and catalog will be May, 2 at the Rexville Store from 3pm to 7pm.

Old Business: Pat reported that the Art's Alive! Committee has been meeting and work is progressing. New this year is an added category of work entitled "Emerging Artists." Claire, Rebecca and Kelly are on the Open Show Committee Chaired by Pat Doran. Letters of invitation to the Open Show artists will be going out soon. Pat mentioned the Historical Museum will be participating with an art exhibit this year entitled "Paint Me a River! Art Meets History." Submissions must have some historical bent to them.

Sculpture Exhibit: Sculpture Chair Tracy Powell reported that the Commission has purchased Lloyd Whannell's piece entitled "Silent Words" for \$7500. Discussion as to whether it would remain where it currently is installed or be moved. Members felt that it was very well suited for its current location, but the other sculpture in that same

area (a torso by Anderson) could be moved elsewhere. A permanent plaque for the new sculpture is needed; Tracy will facilitate.

We discussed the cost of the rack cards was high and that we would be seeking other bids for next year. We receive funds from the cell tower payments and also for new construction projects by the Town. Tracy noted that sculptors who submit pieces to other cities receive a larger stipend than we offer (\$100) to aid the artists in transportation and mounting costs. This might help in outreach to get more sculpture entries next year.

Corrections to the Town website where the sculptures are listed have been made by the Town Planning Assistant now that they have more flexibility with a new and improved program. Thanks Lori!

New Business: None

Motioned to adjourn by Rebecca, seconded by Claire. Passed
Next meeting will be May 4, 2009.

Respectfully submitted,
Pat Doran
LAC Secretary