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2009 Annual Report

The Board of Directors of the Monroe Arts Alliance, in service to their mission to promote and support the arts and culture in Monroe County, WV, and the surrounding area, accomplished the following:

ADMINISTRATION

The Board elected the following officers for 2009 at their February meeting:

President:	Genevieve Gillen
Vice President	Tandy Stone
Treasurer	Evelyn Hansbarger
Secretary	(duties assumed by Administrator)

Other Board members: Kelly Shreve, Ben James

The Board acted to contract for administrative services for six months at \$10/hr for 5 hours per week beginning March 16, 2009, with Judith Bair. Services to be rendered per attached. The contract was renewed for an additional six months in September, 2009, to end in March, 2010.

The Board also contracted for bookkeeping services for a period of six months with Keveney Bair. This contract was terminated in September 2009 by Ms. Bair.

During the course of the year, Kelly Shreve and Tandy Stone resigned from the Board and Renda James and Sheila Truby Johnson joined the Board.

Brochure. A Monroe Arts Alliance brochure was approved and printed in September 2009. It has been distributed to local businesses and organizations in the county and will be included in Welcome Wagon materials.

NEWSLETTER

Newsletters were published for January, May and September 2009. The number of copies reproduced and mailed was reduced from 300 to 100 due to rising postage costs. The newsletter currently is sent to current and recently lapsed members.

MEMBERSHIP

There were 73 memberships for a total of 108 members in 2009. Revenue for the 2009 Membership Drive totaled \$3,100.00, with 20 memberships at the \$100 level and above.

MINI-GRANTS

Mini-grants (up to \$500) were awarded to JMHS for an after-school art club; to the Monroe County Library for equipment to present a "Great Courses" program; to Monroe Tourism for a "Photograph Monroe" show and exhibit; and to Mountain View Middle School for a poster contest concerning ecology.

DIRECT PROGRAMS

Youth Art Show: The 2009 YAS received more than 120 entries. Judges were:
Visual Art: Ba Rea, Ron Ripley, Marti Goode
Creative Writing: Craig Mohler, Belinda Anderson, Judith Bair
The Best of Show winner was Hayla Mann, a junior at JMHS, for a painting called "Butterfly."

Great Courses. In cooperation with the Monroe County Public Library, three courses were held:

"Questions of Value"

"West Virginia: A History"

"From Monet to VanGogh: A History of the Impressionists"

Attendance ranged from 10 to 4 or 5 for each 2 hour session. Held Thursday evenings at 7:00 pm.

Holiday Concert. The 2009 Holiday Concert was held at Union Presbyterian Church on Dec. 5, 2009. Ben James presided and the performers were Delpha Wright, Linda Dalenberg and Peter Soukup. Ana Furrow accompanied the carol singing that followed.

WORKSHOPS

Six workshops in the visual arts were held at the studio of Genevieve Gillen during 2009, with a total of ____ attendees. Instructors were Rose Dobbins, pastels; Jeanne Brenneman, watercolor, _____.

GRANTS

The Board applied for its first-ever grant to the WV Commission on the Arts EZ-Arts Access Program for non-profits with budgets under \$25,000. The Arts Alliance was awarded \$2,000 to fund a start-up Arts Scholarship Program and to support the Youth Art Show. The funds will be available in January 2010.

FUND-RAISING

Raffle. Judith Bair donated a painting, "The Lay of the Land" to benefit the Arts Alliance. \$775 was raised through ticket sales. The winner of the raffle was Ted Davis.

RESTRICTED DONATIONS

Scholarship funds for students of violinist Adam DeGraff were received from private donors and dispersed upon request of DeGraff.