

# MEMORANDUM

To: GJ COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE  
From: Allison Sarmo, Cultural Arts Coordinator  
RE: Notes--UNOFFICIAL COMMISSION ON ARTS AND CULTURE MEETING  
Date: Wednesday, July 24, 1996

Lacking a quorum, the regular meeting of the Commission was not held in July as scheduled, but the members present met informally and discussed the following items:

Commissioners present: Karen Kiefer, Jeanne Killgore, Phil Rogers, Ann Sanders  
Commissioners excused: Perry Coyle, Peter Ivanov, Bill Whaley  
Commissioners absent: Ursula Hemmerich, Richard Leinaweaver  
Others present: Sandra Brown, J. R. Smith, Allison Sarmo

Sandra Brown presented a request to purchase mailing labels from the Commission with the names of all local artists (derived from the *SourceBook* directory) for use by a woman wishing to start an artists support group based on the book/workbook "The Artists Way". Brown explained that the self-help system is especially for artists suffering from an artistic block or who want to generate more creativity in their work. Sarmo recommended the Commission formulate a policy addressing sale and use of the mailing label list, noting that past requests have only been from the Colorado Council on the Arts or from organizations offering artists free exhibition or competition opportunities. Sarmo recommended avoiding selling the list to profit-making enterprises. This was referred to the next meeting.

J. R. Smith brought to the board the idea of having a showcase of artwork by local artists in four locations throughout Mesa Mall for a two week period this fall (rent \$750), with the emphasis on exhibition not sales. He noted the need to print a brochure of the show (\$800), provide insurance, find someone to jury the artwork, have an umbrella organization to collect sales taxes if pieces are sold, hang the show, and coordinate possible demonstrations by the artists. He reported that the exhibit could be done for about \$3000 and that local art galleries might be willing to help underwrite the cost and provide prize money. He asked the Commission for ideas and was told to approach the Art Center, the local artists clubs--JABOA, Western Colorado Watercolor Society, Brush & Palette Club--and Mesa State College's Art Department for assistance, and to present a grant request to the Commission in 1997.

Sanders reported that the Avalon Theater Committee is concentrating current renovation efforts on the fly space above the stage, and then will decide what they can afford in the way of additional equipment. Kiefer reported that the Mountain Art Glass Guild will have an exhibit at the Art Center August 2 - 25. The next meeting is Wednesday, August 28, 1996.