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Supporting and Promoting Artists and the Arts Year-Round



SUMMERFAIR CINCINNATI

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Summerfair Cincinnati was formed in 1968 to celebrate the opening of the Marx Theater of the Playhouse in the Park. The corporation has five divisions: Corporate Administration, Fair Operations, Grants, Membership and Special Events. Known primarily for the national fine arts and crafts festival, **Summerfair**, it produces annually, the corporation has worked to establish itself as an important component in the Cincinnati arts community. The organization is comprised of approximately 100 volunteers with one paid staff member.

Since its founding, **Summerfair Cincinnati** has donated thousands of dollars in support of the visual and performing arts in Greater Cincinnati. Some local organizations that have benefited from **Summerfair Cincinnati's** support include: The Cincinnati Ballet, Cincinnati Art Museum, the Weavers Guild, the Arts Consortium, Channel 48's Action Auction, the Ensemble Theater, Madcap Productions, Artworks and the Hood is Bigger Than You Think. In 1980, **Summerfair Cincinnati** received the Corbett award in recognition of its contribution to the arts community; **Summerfair Cincinnati** was nominated for a second Corbett award in 1999. In 1984, **Summerfair Cincinnati** members began a fundraising effort to restore the Eden Park Gazebo; and in 1987, the corporation initiated a \$3,000 challenge grant to aid artists who suffered losses in the Big Four Fire.

Summerfair Cincinnati developed the first poster competition in the area with the selected winner of each year's **Summerfair** poster award receiving \$1,500. In addition, it established the first individual artist's grant award with three (now expanded to four) \$3,000 grants being awarded to local artists annually through the Aid to Individual Artists Award Program. These artists are provided an outlet for showing their works at **Summerfair Select**, an exhibition held every three years.

Summerfair Cincinnati also supports "up-and-coming" artists with its High School Scholarship and Emerging Artists programs. Annually, two local high school students are awarded a scholarship to attend a Portfolio class at the Art Academy. The Emerging Artists program provides an opportunity for juniors from area colleges to learn about staging an exhibition and to introduce their work to the public at that exhibition.

The mission of **Summerfair Cincinnati** is to promote visual and performing arts in the Greater Cincinnati area through grants and exhibits. Our focus is on supporting individual artists, smaller arts organizations and educational opportunities.

Membership Meeting Information

Meetings are held at:

Anderson Center
7850 Five Mile Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45230

Phone: 513-531-0050

Doors open 7:00

Meeting Starts 7:30

2007—2008

Executive Board

Bob Hinman	President
Mike McCullough	VP Membership
Jenny Costello	VP Special Events
Joe Boschert	VP Fair Operations
Kelly Boschert	VP Fair Operations
Krista Paas	VP Grants
Kelly Christian	Treasurer
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Bill Berry	Fair Operations Elect
Bob Bader	Secretary/Trustee
Jayne Utter	Trustee
Roger Henthorn	Trustee
Dee Newton	Trustee
Ashley Oehler	Trustee
Ann Flynn	Trustee
Jill Leslie	Trustee
Dave Ziegler	Trustee

Board Reorganization Proposal:

In August of 2007, the Summerfair Board met to discuss long term objectives and strategies for Summerfair Foundation Inc. As a result of this meeting, we launched an effort led by Bob Hinman, Roger Harding, and Dave Ziegler, to design and recommend a Board restructuring aimed at focusing on 1) delivering long term objectives and 2) keeping our annual operations (including the Fair) running smoothly. To make this change requires a change in our Summerfair Foundation Inc By Laws, and that must happen through a vote of the Membership in July. For your review, the proposed change is posted on our Summerfair website along with the revised bylaws.

The link to the Board Structure web page is ...

<http://www.summerfair.org/BoardStructure.htm>

We encourage you to review these changes. If you have any questions or input, please contact Dave Ziegler at

Ziegler_D@msn.com

Current Board Structure

17 Board Members

Focus is primarily operational

Little to no work on future and
Long term strategic planning

New Board Structure

Executive Board consisting
Of 6 members. Board Members
Can be Non-Summerfair Members.
These positions are appointed.
Focus is on Strategic Planning,
Governance,

Operations Committee
These are elected positions with
candidates from Summerfair
Membership
Focusing the delivering the
Annual plans, including the Fair

MEMBERSHIP UPDATE:

Mike McCullough

Meeting Update !!!

July 21, 2008

Anderson Center Community Room

2009 Elections

Doors open 7:00 pm

Food will be served

Meeting starts at 7:30 pm

August 2, 2008

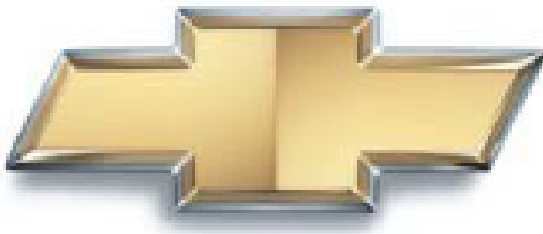
Annual Board Retreat

At GBBN

At the July meeting we will be voting on the new By-Law proposal. If you have any questions on the proposal or how it will impact Summerfair please contact a board member or Dave Ziegler.

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Executive Director's Report:
Sharon Strubbe

This was a great fair....

2008 Fair Merchandise Update....

We sold out of both the large unsigned and small posters that we had available. I now have about 200 large unsigned on hand here at the office and continue to fulfill poster orders. We have only 47 brown 2008 T-Shirts left and 7 Hats. All of the totes, green and blue T-Shirts are SOLD OUT! Yea! And, only one ceramic cupcake (made for the Cupcake fundraiser) remains.

VERY SUCCESSFUL year for SF merchandise!

Fair Chair Report:

Thank you one and all for all your time, hard work and dedication with Summerfair 2008. It was a great Fair and every little thing you have done over the past year to support both dad and myself in some way helped this year's Fair. Thank you for attending various meetings (here, there and everywhere). Thank you for volunteering for the all the events that run up to the fair. Thank you for helping on various committees, signing up for shifts and schmoozing with everyone during the Fair. As Fair Chairs we could not have pulled it off with our your support.

To put it simply: "What I do you cannot do; but what you do, I cannot do. The needs are great, and none of us, including me ever do great things. But we can all do small things, with great love, and together we can do something wonderful." ~Mother Teresa

Let's do something wonderful again for next year!

**Thanks,
Joe and Kelly**

Any suggestions or comments about 2008 Fair?? Please send them to kelly.boschert@gmail.com as we review the year past as we hand off the ball to Terri and Bill.



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