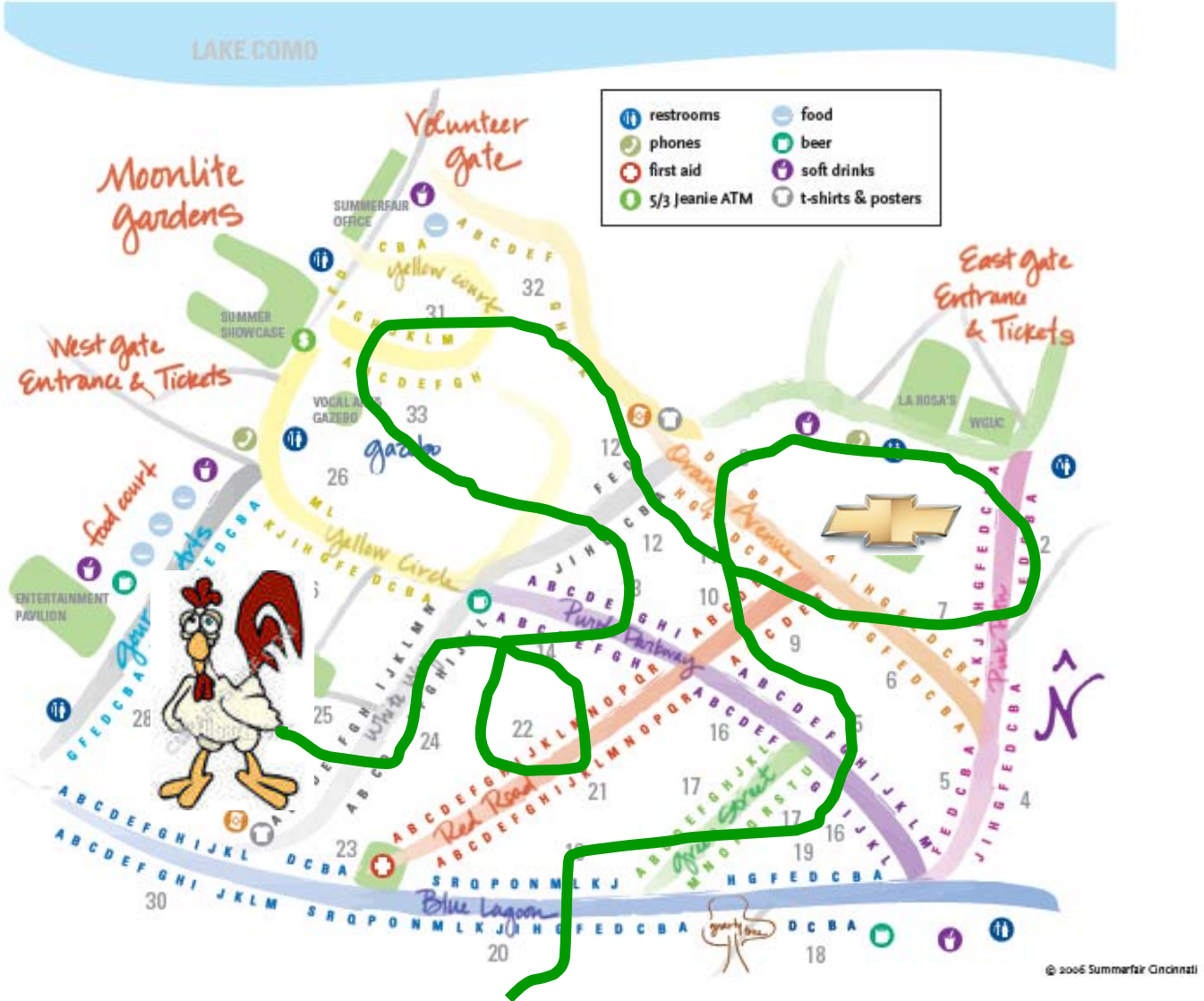




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Supporting and Promoting Artists and the Arts Year-Round



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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

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Ann Flynn	Trustee
Jill Leslie	Trustee
Dave Ziegler	Trustee

Presidents Report:

Bob Hinman

The Fair is less than 30 days away and I hope that everyone is ready and signed up for their minimum of 3 days of fun and frolic. There has been a committee assigned to look at the Board structure (this came from our Board retreat on August 4, 2007). Dave Ziegler, Roger Harding and myself were assigned the task to look at the Board structure and see how it could be improved to be more efficient and work effectively in the short and long term. We have through Board approval, a new structure set up which I personally believe is not only the right way to proceed in the new century, but is also long overdue. We are publishing the new revisions in this month's newsletter and also in a special June newsletter. According to current by-laws, any changes to the by-laws need to be published for two months and then voted on by the current membership. This vote will coincide with the July 21 Board elections.

Let's make this the greatest Fair in our history and I look forward to seeing everyone at the chicken walk and at the Fair May 30, May 31, and June 1.

bob hinman

President Board of Trustees

See Dave Ziegler's article on the next page and check out the link on the Summerfair site for the revised By Laws.

If you have any questions please let Dave or Bob Know.

Mike

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 !!!

Come one Come all...

The Great Coney Walkthrough and Chicken
Dinner Extravaganza is coming on Monday

May 19th at Coney Island

Time 6:00 pm till ?

If you are planning on attending and haven't
RSVP'd to Kelly Boschert yet *Please* do so this
week so we can procure enough Chicken parts and
Fixin's for all of you

The May Membership Meeting is the Chicken
Walkthrough on May 19th. 6:00 pm at Food Court.

The next meeting is July 21 at the Anderson Center
for Elections of the new Board

Green Shirt Update.....

GREEN SHIRT SIGNUPS!! There are still some shifts available for signup. Please look at the attached PDF, listing available shifts. If you would like to sign up, please contact Thuy (Twee) Kolik at tkolik@dav.org or 513.253.4968. Remember that members with 3 or more shifts receive a free T-shirt and an invitation to the Friday night party.

Note that the document only shows available shifts. Thuy will have a complete listing of Green Shirt shifts at the next Division Head and Membership meeting.

The list is attached to this newsletter email. Please contact Thuy to sign up.

Mike

From last months Straw Poll on the Tie Dyed Green Shirts: If you have one wear it, If you would like to buy one contact Kelly Boschert.

Important.....

If you need a green shirt please let me or Kelly Boschert know so we can order some. You can then pick them up at the walk-through.

Executive Director's Report:
Sharon Strubbe

National Volunteer Week was April 27—May 3

Thanks to all of our members who gave their Valuable Time to Summerfair!

April 17, 2008

Volunteers Worth 3.3 Times Minimum Wage

The value of a volunteer hour nearly kept pace with inflation during 2007, increasing 3.94 percent while consumer prices tracked at 4.1 percent. The estimate for the value of volunteer hour jumped by 74 cents, from \$18.77 in 2006 to \$19.51 last year, according to Independent Sector (IS), a Washington, D.C.-based coalition of nonprofits and foundations.

IS calculates the hourly value of volunteer time based on the average hourly wage for all non-management, non-agriculture workers as determined by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, with a 12-percent increase to estimate for fringe benefits. The federal minimum wage is \$5.85 an hour.

"Our nation's volunteers play a vital role in helping America's 1.4 million charitable organizations improve lives across the country and around the world," said Diana Aviv, president and CEO of IS. "Quantifying the value of their time gives us yet another indicator of how important volunteers are to communities."

The new estimates were released ahead of National Volunteer Week (April 27-May 3) to "acknowledge the millions of individuals who dedicate their time, talents, and energy to making a difference."

Washington, D.C. had the highest hourly value (\$30.10) among the 50 states and Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. The top states were all found in the Northeast: New York (\$26.18), Connecticut (\$25.75), Massachusetts (\$24.29) and New Jersey (\$23.62).

The bottom six states, excluding Puerto Rico (\$10.21), all fell below the level of the Virgin Islands (\$14.85): West Virginia (\$14.70), Arkansas (\$14.63), North Dakota (\$14.27), Mississippi (\$14.08), South Dakota (\$13.72) and Montana (\$13.51).

In all, 10 states eclipsed the \$20 value and all but seven had values of more than \$15. Two pairs of states had identical values: Colorado and Virginia (\$20.08), and Vermont and Kentucky (\$16.07).

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