



# GENEVA FORUM FOR ARTS & EDUCATION

## MEETING MINUTES MAY 9, 2002

6:30-7:30 PM – BOARD MTG

7:30 – 8:30 PM – COMMITTEE MTG

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**Meeting brought to order 6:35 pm** - Attendance: Jane Nolan, Margie Nagaitsev, Carol Mills, Mary Bencini, Jacquie Sulek, Nancy Bell, Karen Kloubec and Kaylee Gallagher.

Our general calendar was evaluated, noting that the “**Winter Chautauqua**” event had fulfilled its cycle, with a need for a new event in 2003. Also recognizing “**Geneva: A Community Portrait**” as a one-time event, future programming ideas were also generated. Ideas discussed and approved by the board and then detailed by the committee are as follows:

“**Church Walk**” of music and education. **Slated to begin December 6, 2003**, this event would be held on the Saturday evening of Geneva’s Annual Christmas Walk, continuing a weekend of holiday festivities. 4-6 downtown churches would make up a “walk” with various types of music performed at each simultaneously (7-9pm?). Musicians/bands could include school age and other artists, with each performance an interactive experience of music and discussion. A number of short educational programs would be planned, highlighting history and background of the music. These ed programs would run back-to-back (also 7-9pm) so people could attend any or all of the talks. A no registration fee event, we’ll need \$500-\$1000 in underwriting.

\*\* Should we consider planning a modest start of the Church Walk in December 2002, featuring one musical group in one church, with one educational discussion??

**Demonstrating Artists on Courthouse Lawn is tentatively planned for Saturday, September 13, 2003**, running 10am to 2 pm during Festival of the Vine weekend. This event would feature high school artists, demonstrating their craft on the lawn. Open to public with no registration fee, this event will need \$500-\$1000 in underwriting.

With the majority of our events running June through December, the group voted to add 1-2 educational evenings in the winter, much like the opera and fish painting classes held in past years. Open to anyone, these would be held during regular business meeting time. **The group is challenged to develop ideas to discuss at our October 2002 meeting.**

**Membership was discussed**, noting a need to continually introduce creative people to the Forum. We decided a “soft sell” was ideal, posting a Forum description on the Geneva City Web Page (Mary B will follow-up with SPAC on this), and approaching Rita Hoover about an “evolution of the Forum” article that might get people to find out more about the Forum.

**A financial report was presented by Margie N**, outlining income/expenses over the last 12 months. Along with trying for additional Lion Foundation funds in 2003, everyone agreed we needed to explore new avenues of funding. Margie is going to consider how to get this funding search going, reporting back on direction and need for “person power” at the June meeting.

**The topic of Forum donations to worthy art/education groups was discussed**, with a consensus of not donating decided. Since the Forum is currently underwritten by other organizations for a majority of its projects, it seems we are not in a position to donate money to others. Forum members will continue to bring up worthy art and education groups, with information available for individual members to make donations if so desired.

**Karen Kloubec reviewed Swedish Days “Power of Me” progress, with Nancy Bell hosting a morning of similar**

**crafts at the library on June 17, 10am-noon.** Karen and Kelly Nowak will handle all the details for both events, with any and all Forum members requested to help out on the day of the events. Masks will be assembled at our June 13th meeting – bring scissors!!

Geneva Art Faire’s “Designing Me” was discussed, with Jane Harris and her committee well into the final planning stages. Jane Harris will inform Forum members of manpower needs and the next subcommittee meeting.

Thursday 6/13, 7:30-9pm Forum Mtg, Carol Mill’s house – bring scissors for mask making!

**Meeting adjourned 8:35pm.**