FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Visual Arts Center (VAC) is a special place full of special people. It is truly amazing to watch the pieces fit together like a puzzle while balancing a wide variety of interests. None of it would be possible without support from the many volunteers who keep our center running on a day to day basis, help our members and customers enjoy their time with us, teach our students, run our committees and boards -- All working together to breathe life into our facility that seems to get better and stronger each year.

This was a year of firsts: My first year as President; a successful first year for the FUN Arts Festival’s “Battle of the Brushes”; the Patterson Foundation’s Margin & Mission Ignition Initiative’s construction and start-up year, the first class of our new Jewelry Casting program, funded jointly by the VAC Jewelry Student’s first “Fling with Bling” and the Charlotte Community Foundation.

Special thanks to our Executive Director, Janet Watermeier and her amazing team who are always looking for ways to make things better for all.

As I look forward to next year and its many opportunities and challenges, I am full of great expectations for another great year.

Alexia Martin
President of the Board

FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

What a year! It was an exciting time for the VAC. We reached new heights in program activity, program revenue, and donor investment . . . plus, created new revenue resources for the future through Margin & Mission Ignition Initiative (MMI) sponsored by the Patterson Foundation. We moved the library, created more effective and efficient administrative space, and launched a new Art & Supply Store with class kits, professional quality art supplies, VAC logo items, a $1 Snack Bar and locker rentals.

Thank you to everyone who made our successful year possible: VAC Board Members, 200+ Volunteers, 1,078 Members, and your dynamic and energetic VAC Staff, who collectively accomplished more in one year than any one of us ever expected. What a remarkable group of adventurers we have.

This is YOUR Visual Arts Center. It can become and provide whatever services and programs you dream it can. We encourage you to share with us your thoughts and ideas of what we together can do to make the Visual Arts Center all you want it to be.

Janet Watermeier
Executive Director
TREASURER'S REPORT

Total Operating Revenue reached $585,126, one of our highest grossing years and $45,446 ahead of last year. Fundraising and Restricted Revenue reached an additional $216,033 for a grand total of $801,159, $187,777 higher than the previous year. As we focus on long-term sustainability, this year’s goal was to raise $125,000 to create a new Art & Supply Store through the Patterson Foundation’s Margin and Mission Ignition Initiative. We exceeded our fundraising goal raising $165,000 and completed renovations encompassing a new Library, new Art & Supply Store (offering art supplies, class kits, and VAC logo items), expanded administrative space, a new snack bar, and new rental lockers. These improvements will provide a recurring revenue stream to help the VAC toward its long-term goal of sustainability. In addition, we completed over $30,000 of Hurricane Irma related roof repairs. Overall it was a very good year for the VAC.

Miranda Fields
Treasurer

STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES
June 2018 through May 2019

REVENUE
Public Support $108,618
Product Sales 83,076
Program Services Income 342,071
Other Income 10,301
Release of Restricted Funds 41,060
TOTAL REVENUE $585,126
Less Cost of Goods Sold 2,208
GROSS REVENUE $582,919

EXPENSES
Hospitality-Non-program $ 7,520
Advertising 36,743
Bank Service Fees 9,740
Operating Expenses 69,805
Repair & Maintenance 30,799
Employee Expense 175,263
Product Sales Expense 50,954
Program Services Expense 198,966
Fundraising Expense 471
TOTAL EXPENSES $580,261

NET ORDINARY REVENUE $ 2,657

OTHER INCOME
Restricted Funds Current Income $216,033
Restricted Funds Current Expense 41,060
NET OTHER INCOME $174,973

NET INCOME $177,630

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION
May 31, 2019

ASSETS
Bank Accounts $123,573
Inventory $10,446
Fixed Assets
Equipment $87,095
Building Improvements 320,959
Building 576,822
Furniture & Fixtures 61,198
Less: Accumulated Depreciation (601,483)
Total Fixed Assets 444,590

TOTAL FIXED ASSETS $578,609

LIABILITIES & FUND BALANCE
Total Current Liabilities $ 11,126
Fund Balance
Unrestricted Net Assets $320,282
Restricted Funds 69,571
Change in Fund Balance 177,630
Total Fund Balance $567,483

TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY $578,609

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
2018-19

Directors
Mary Cavanagh
Logan Davis
Alissa Desguin
Ellen Harvey
Roswitha Hergenhan
Rosalie Mack
John Mizell
Judi Roth
Bob Weitz

Officers
Alexia Martin, President
Donna Peterman, Vice President
Miranda Fields, Treasurer
Mary Harbour, Secretary

MANAGEMENT TEAM

Staff
Janet Watermeier, Executive Director
Kimberly Phillips, Programs Manager
Stacy Calvino, Business Development Manager
Trish Doyle, Bookkeeper
Dave Bise, Facilities Manager
Steven Tacy, Assistant Facilities Manager

Volunteer Managers
Mary Cavanagh, Volunteers & Membership
Mary Harbour, Exhibits Main Gallery
Marquelynn Raposa, Exhibits Goff Gallery
Beverly Yankwitt, Workshops
Pauline Charron, Library
TOP DONORS, SPONSORS & BUSINESS PARTNERS

$15,000+
Crystal Gerdel
Elizabeth B. McGraw Foundation
The Patterson Foundation
VAC Endowment Trust

$5,000+ to $10,000
Gettel Automotive
Rachel & Klint Keesling
Alexia Martin & Whitco Ins.
Merrill Lynch Wealth Management
Judi Roth & Roth Foundation
Donna & John Peterman
Wyvern Hotel

$2,500+ to $5,000
In Memory of Patt Bacon
Dave Bise & Partnership for the Arts
Mary Ellen Byrd Legacy for the Arts
Charlotte Community Foundation
Kim Devine
Greener Cleaner
Farr Law Firm
Denise Henry & Remax
Susan and Loren Hill
Carlton Hughes
Paulette & Frank Morrissey
Mosaic Fertilizer
Carla & Danny Nix & Nix & Assoc.
Janet Watermeier

$1,000 to $2,500
Jody Belcher
Becky Bovell
Dianne Brooks
Ingrid & Sam Carroll
Centennial Bank
Tricia Condon
Nanette Crist Trust
Thelma Daida & Ned Rose
Rebecca Durig
Joanell & Marvin Dyrstead
Katherine & Tom des Enfants
In Memory of Carolyn Hamilton
Mary & Robert Harbour
Deanna Housefeld
Ralph & Gail LaGro
Lynn Martin
Paula & Bucky McQueen
Joy & Jaret Moore
Ron Olsen
Richard & Lynn Pitz
Constance & Bill Robison
Jerilyn & Greg Schnitzel
Kelley Socha
Robert Weitz
In Memory of Ralph Yankwitt

43 PATRON MEMBERS

ADVOCATE
Mary & Robert Harbour
Donna Palmer
Dr. Richard & Lynn Pitz

SUPPORTER
Louis Alstott & Lydia Gattanell
Marilyn & Bruce Conklin
Janie & Steve Duke
Susan & Loren Hill
Thomas James
Donna & John Peterman
Jerry & Patricia Presseller
Jolene Shong &
William Atkinson
Karen & Dick Solar
Dorrit & Bruce Tompkins
Gwendolyn Zanakos

FRIEND
Pat Amberg
James Beech
David Butler
Dianne Brooks
Nanette Crist
Thomas Deuley
Jim Ellsworth
Alexia Martin
Juanita Pawlisch
Susan Reeves
Judith Roth
Shelly Socha
Jane Spencer
Rachel Starlin
Jane Sturges
Roxie Vetter
Mary Voyrek
Robert Weitz

MEMBERSHIP

43 Patron Memberships
95 Lifetime Memberships
168 Household Annual Memberships
4 Youth Annual Memberships
629 Individual Annual Memberships
939 Memberships – 300 New 32%

95 LIFETIME MEMBERS

Martha & Vincent Aurelio
Bruce & Colleen Bagge
Courtney Borntreger
Kathy Bostwick
Becky Bovell
Suzanne Bowles
Jane Brenner
Ellen Burnett & Paul O’Neil
Mark Byrd
Ingrid & Sam Carroll
Keith & Pauline Charron
Jack & Claudia Chopp
Tricia & Dick Condon
William & Patricia Cote
Ned Rose & Thelma Daida
Suzanne Delahunty
Guy & Annette Emerich
Patti & Bob Forman
Carolyn & Thomas Freeland
Christel Gerdel
Jane & Eugene Geronime
Thomas Hamilton
Jeannie Harbeck
Denise Henry
Deanna & Daniel Housfeld
Larry & Sylvia Hudson
Liz Hutchinson & Frank Sperry
Donna Jesse
David & Stephanie Klein
Linda Koebelen & Conrad Koerper
Susan & Donald Krasny
Diana Lehr
Cathy Lindenauer & Don Crispin
Lee McGraw & Van Lupo
Paula & Bucky McQueen
Frances Nicolozares
Skip & Ann Peerless
Sue & John Pollaro
Lois Porter & Ronald Wiley
Brian & Mary Presley
Constance & William Robison
Judith Roth
Rona & Paul Rothschild
Miles Seter
Dorothy Shehan
Gail & Frank Short
William & Penelope Sims
Elizabeth Smith
Thalia St. Lewis & Dan Beckley
Stephanie & Larry Stewart
Dorothy & Michael Strunk
Sally Tappy
Mike & Mary Trewworfy
Michele Valencourt
Gloria & John Weber
Linda & Gary Wein
Elmer Mizuno & Linda Weintz
2018 - 2019 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

**FUN ARTS FESTIVAL** - 176 Attendees, $30,000 Raised
All 6 Paintings Sold, First Celebrity Online Fundraising Campaign

**Special Thanks to Celebrity Artists & Coaches**
Kim Devine & Marki Raposa
Corey Girdwood & Rosalie Mack
Carmel Kisiday & Nancy Colby
Carlton Hughes & Jill Lindsay
Jake Williams & Lionell Lewis
Beverly Yankwitt & Stacey Deffenbaugh Meyer

**Events September 26 to November 16**
9/26  Celebrity & Artist Match-up
10/29  Ribbon Cutting
11/16  “Battle of the Brushes”

**People’s Choice**
Kim Devine

**Judge’s Award**
Carlton Hughes & Coach Jill Lindsay

**ART CLASSES**
- 25 Instructors
- 47 Offerings
- 296 Classes
- 1,323 Students

**Students**
- 836 Fine Arts
- 211 Pottery
- 161 Jewelry
- 42 Stained Glass
- 17 Photography
- 56 Specialty

**10 ART & WINE EVENING SOCIALS**
- Glass Etching
- Let’s Get Splashed
- Anything but Canvas

**June 4 – July 20**
- 65 Elementary
- 30 Middle School
- 30 Boys & Girls

**18 WORKSHOPS – 242 Participants**
- 8 Master Workshops
- 4 VAC Workshops
- 5 Art History Lunch & Learns
2018 - 2019 ACTIVITY HIGHLIGHTS

**PEACE RIVER NATIONAL ART FESTIVAL**
March 16 & 17
- 78 Art Vendors
- 5,000+ Guests
- 70 Volunteers
- $25,000 Raised

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION**
220 Volunteers Honored
April 6, 2018
21 volunteers received pins for multi-year service
- Diane Brooks – 20 years
- Susan Krasny – 20 years

**VOLUNTEERS OF THE YEAR:**
- Sandy Albers
- Petra Fields
- The Librarians

**OFFSITE EXHIBITS**
- Wyvern Hotel
- Nix & Associates

**Wyvern Featured Artists**
Gina Battle, Matthew Chase, Dedo, James Francisco, Christine Keyworth, Maryse Loertscher, Doug Michalski

**18 EXHIBITS**
9 in Main Gallery
531 Artists – 1,306 Entries

**MARGIN & MISSION**
of The Patterson Foundation
$165,000 – 101 Investors

**Wyvern "Passing of the Brushes**
- Sandy Albers
- Petra Fields

**Jewelry Students Raise $7,000**
+ $2,500 from Charlotte Community Foundation

**VAC RENOVATIONS**
Art & Supply Store
Class Kits
Logo Items
Rental Lockers

**2018 Punta Gorda Quickdraw**

**18 EXHIBITS**
- Primavera (in display from 3/19 to 3/21, 2013)
- 2018 Punta Gorda Quickdraw

**MARGIN & MISSION**
- MMI Past Pitch 11/19/19
- VAC MMI Team
  - Kim Phillips, Stacy Calvino, Michael Oxman, Janet Watermeier & Constance Robison Receiving Award

**OFFSITE EXHIBITS**
- Wyvern Hotel
- Nix & Associates

**Wyvern Featured Artists**
Gina Battle, Matthew Chase, Dedo, James Francisco, Christine Keyworth, Maryse Loertscher, Doug Michalski

**Ribbon Cutting 9/19/19**
- Alexia Martin, VAC Pres.
- Janet Watermeier, VAC ED
- Constance Robison VAC ET

**Holiday Market**
Nov 30 - Dec 2, 2018
- 66 Tables
- $29,000 Sales

- 18 Art Vendors
- 5,000+ Guests
- 70 Volunteers
- $25,000 Raised
ENDOWMENT TRUST ANNUAL REPORT 2018 - 2019

The Visual Arts Center Endowment Trust provides long term financial management of donated funds to support the future of the Visual Arts Center (VAC). The Trustees provide oversight of its portfolio and investment management company and authorize an annual distribution of earned income to support the VAC. Over the past year, the Endowment Trust provided $32,082 towards VAC building maintenance, roof repairs and special projects.

The Trust’s balance at the end of May 2019 was $871,034 as compared to $873,545 the previous year, maintaining its value, in addition to supporting the VAC. The Endowment Trust has granted over $308,022 to the VAC over the past 20 years. The VAC Endowment Trust and the VAC Board of Directors work closely together to ensure that long-term funding and VAC goals are closely aligned.

Long-term Endowment Trustee, Guy Emerich, from the Farr Law Firm, retired from the Endowment Trust after 20 years of service. His calm and steady guidance will be missed. Kelsey Veitengruber, from the Farr Law Firm, filled Guy’s position and is a welcome addition to the Endowment Trust.

Just 16 days into our next fiscal year, VAC Endowment Trust Director Emeritus, Rebecca Durig, passed away. Rebecca was one of the VAC’s early pioneers and lifelong supporters. She went door to door in the early years, collecting contributions to build the VAC. Rebecca Durig left $200,000 to the VAC Endowment Trust in her will. Her contribution will move the bar of Endowment Trust investments to more than $1 million dollars, a long-term goal of the Trustees. We dedicate this year’s Annual Meeting in honor of Rebecca Durig for her lifelong passion for the arts and dedication to the VAC.

Constance Robison
President

ENDOWMENT TRUST
2018 - 2019

Officers
Constance Robison, President
Susan Krasny, Vice President
Ron Olsen, Treasurer
Keith Callaghan
Recording Secretary
Denise Henry
Corresponding Secretary

Trustees
Ingrid Carroll
Kelsey Veitengruber
Faiza Kedir
Sue Krasny

VAC ENDOWMENT TRUST, INC
FINANCIAL SUMMARY
5/31/18 5/31/19
Contributions & Grants $ 9,688 $ 4,610
Investment Income 76,932 33,278
Total Revenue $ 86,620 $ 37,888
Grants Paid $ 1,738 $ 32,082
Other Expenses 17,074 8,317
Total Expenses $ 18,812 $ 40,399
Revenue – Expenses $ 67,808 $ (2,511)
Total Assets $873,545 $871,304
Total Liabilities 0 0
Net Assets $873,545 $871,304

Leave a Legacy: Consider including the Endowment Trust in your Will, Trust or Estate Planning. You will be helping to insure the future of art for generations to come
ANGEL WALL CONTRIBUTORS

In 1998, the Visual Arts Center Endowment Trust was established to ensure the Center’s contributions through a perpetual asset base. Annual income from the Trust supports important Center programs and capital improvements. VAC’s special projects have included security, art display improvements, and communications of late. We hope you will include the Endowment Trust in current charitable donations and in your estate planning.

**Rembrandt Red - $100,000+**
Marnie & Fred Babcock Family
William & Betty Lou Baxter Est.
Carolyn Bretz Estate

**O’Keefe Orange - $50,000**
Fred Babcock Estate
Lala Keiser Estate

**Gauguin Gold - $25,000**
Becky Bovell
William & Suzanne Bowles
Hudson Family Foundation
Roylance & Mary Sharp Mem.

**Goya Green - $10,000**
Jane Brenner Legacy
Mark A. Byrd in Memory of
Mary Ellen Byrd
Richard & Tricia Condon
Rebecca Durig
Donald & Susan Krasny
The Klein Family in Memory of
Viola Odenheimer

**Botticelli Blue - $5,000**
Samuel & Ingrid Carroll
Memory of Richard Condon
William & Patricia Cote
Creekmore Livingston, Inc.
Jack Durig Memorial
Guy & Annette Emerich
Dave & Christel Gerdel
Eugene & Jane Geronime
Inzer Amos Haft Memorial
Paula & Bucky McQueen
Jim Nuzzo
Brian & Mary M. Presley
William & Constance Robison
Mike & Mary Treworgy

**Monet Mauve - $2,500**
Byron & Muriel Brower
Dorothy Chatterton Memorial
Marcia Clark
Fred Clarke Memorial
Vern Durstin Memorial
Barbara Galvin
T. Craig Martin & Tina Narr
Mosaic

**Van Gogh Violet - $1,000**
Wayne & Barbara Albin
Robert & Kathy Amrhein
Lew Bennett
Jane Brenner
Edwina Brown Memorial
Dan & Cecelia Brubeck
Jim Burnett Memorial
Lisa Michele Capone Mem.
Eugene Christensen Mem.
Carole E. Cobb Memorial
Lorraine Collins
John & Nancy Dauster
Anne Kelly Gattef
J. Brown Hardison Mem.
Jackson C. Henry Estate
Cory Horne Memorial
Hudson Land and Cattle
Margret Johnson Mem.
Steve & Cheryl Karba
Mark Katz & Robin Bayne
Thomas & Carol Kerr
Rex & Roberta Koch
Bruce Mattoon Memorial
Priscilla Michaud
Thomas O’Brien Memorial
B.J. O’Connor Memorial
Bob & Judy Oswald
Owen Ames Kimball Company
Bob & Cate Peterson
Louis T. Roth Foundation
Camille Yoder-Ryan
Tom & Roseann Samson
Marianne Schenkel
Daniel H. Smith
Garnett Scholl
Deborah Seter Memorial
Don & Laurie Shirey
Robert & Jane Spencer
Ervin Tuttle Memorial
Michele Valencourt
Steve & Kathleen Warwick
2019 FUN ARTS FESTIVAL – November 4th to December 3rd
Sponsors: Susan Hill, Merrill Lynch & Gettel Automotive
• 9/26 at 6pm – Celebrity & Artist Coach Matchup
• 11/4 at 12pm – Ribbon Cutting & FUN Arts Festival Kick-off
• 11/4 to 12/3 – FUN Arts Festival Exhibit
• 11/15 at 6pm – “BATTLE OF THE BRUSHES” GALA – $50 per person
• Support your favorite Celebrity in the “Battle of the Brushes”

2019 GIVING TUESDAY – December 3rd

2019 HOLIDAY MARKET – December 6th to December 8th
A 3-Day Holiday Shopping Extravaganza!
• Now Registering Vendors – Sell your art, crafts or baked goods
  o 10/1 to 11/15 Vendor Registration – Tables $24 Member, $30 Nonmember
  o 12/5 & 12/6 Vendor Set-up
• 12/6 at 12pm to 7pm – Holiday Market Opens for Shoppers
• 12/7 at 10am to 4pm – Open for Holiday Shoppers
• 12/8 at 10am to 4pm – Open for Holiday Shoppers

2020 VISUAL ARTS CENTER OPEN HOUSE – January 3rd & January 4th
Meet Our Instructors, Free Demonstrations, New Class Schedules & More
• 1/3 at 10am to 4pm – Open for Visitors
• 1/4 at 10am to 1pm – Open for Visitors

2020 PLEIN AIR FESTIVAL – January 6th to January 30th
• 1/6 Plein Air Exhibit Receiving (Main Gallery), 11am to 2pm
• 1/6 Mural Society Hanging (Goff Gallery), 9am to 2pm
• 1/8 & 1/9 Plein Air 2-Day Workshop with Dan Graziano, 9am to 3pm
• 1/13 PUNTA GORDA QUICKDRAW, 8am to 12pm
• 1/13 Punta Gorda Quickdraw Reception, 1pm to 2pm
• 1/15 Plein Air Exhibit Awards & Reception, 5pm to 7pm
• 1/16 Downtown Paint Out, 4-6pm
• 1/30 Mural Society Gala & Silent Auction, 6pm

2020 NATIONAL ART EXHIBIT (NAE)
• 1/31 & 2/1 NAE Walk-in Receiving, 9am on Friday until 2pm on Saturday
• 2/6 NAE VIP Party & Sneak Peek Reception, 6 pm
• 2/11 & 2/12 2-Day Pastel Workshop by NAE Judge, Dawn Emerson, 9am to 3pm
• 2/13 NAE Awards Reception 5pm to 7pm
• 3/4 NAE Poetry Night 5pm to 7pm

2020 PEACE RIVER NATIONAL ARTS FESTIVAL - March 21st & 22nd
Outdoor Art Fair at Laishley Park with 80 art vendors, food, fun & more
• 3/21 & 3/22 from 10am to 4pm
• Volunteers Needed

2020 GIVING CHALLENGE with The Patterson Foundation Match – April 28th & 29th

2020 MASTER WORKSHOPS
1/8 Plein Air, Dan Graziano (Oil) – 2 Days
2/25 Pastels, Dawn Emerson (NAE Judge) – 2 Days
4/1 Ted Head, Watercolor – 4 Days
4/6 Mixed Media, Jill Krasner – 4 Days
4/7 Palette Knife (Oil), Jan Ellen Atkieliski – 2 Days

2019-20 VAC WORKSHOPS
11/18 Alcohol Ink (Beg. to Inter.), Jill Lindsay – 3 Days
1/25 Pine Needle Baskets, Kathryn Erickson – 1/2 Day
2/1 Pine Needle Baskets, Kathryn Erickson – 1/2 Day
2/17 Alcohol Ink (Adv.), Jill Lindsay – 3 Days
3/1 Pine Needle Baskets, Kathryn Erickson – 1/2 Day