



ArtsJunktion mb. Inc.
2012-13 Annual Report
June 20, 2013

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Mission Statement

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**ArtsJunktion mb
Annual General Meeting
AGENDA**

Thursday, June 20, 2013 at 312B William Avenue

- I Adoption of the agenda
 - II Adoption of minutes from May 10, 2012
 - II Co-chairs' remarks
 - III Reports from committees, as written:
 - Co-chairs' report
 - Vice-chair's report
 - Depot Manager
 - Workshop Coordinator Report
 - Business Outreach Coordinator
 - Treasurer's report
 - Finance Committee Chair report
 - Materials report
 - Membership report
 - Education (Newsletter) Committee Chair report
 - Publicity report
 - Events Committee
 - Art Gallery Curator report
 - Physical Plant report
 - IV Election of officers
 - a) officers proposed by vice-chair
 - b) nominations from the floor
 - V New business
 - MOTION: to appoint Gary Gumprich of the Exchange Group to prepare ArtsJunktion mbs' financial statement.
- Adjournment

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**ArtsJunktion mb
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Minutes**

Thursday, May 10, 2012 at Exchange Community Building (75 Albert Street)

Meeting called to order at 6:40 p.m.

- I Adoption of the agenda - Doug (m), Michelle (s). Carried.
- II Adoption of minutes from June 16, 2011 – Motion to adopt the minutes – Gerhard (m) Corrine (s). Carried.
- II Co-chairs' remarks

Thanks to Cre8ive Art Supplies for all the support! Also, thank-you to Jennifer Labella Landscape. Thank-you to those who have served on the Board and welcome to the new board. There is a transition meeting on June 25th. Consider inviting businesses you know to become out funders for the Artsvest (Manitoba Arts Council) initiative.

- III Reports from committees, as written:
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 - Event Committee report
 - Materials Committee report
 - Membership report
 - Publicity report
 - Art Gallery Curator report
 - Physical Plant report
 - Finance Committee report
 - Treasurer's report

Dianne Harms (moved), seconded by Joey Robertson – moved to appoint Gary Gumprich of the Exchange Group to prepare ArtsJunktion mbs' financial statement. Carried.

-Depot Manager's report

Motion to accept the reports – Mary (m), Allison (s). Carried.

- IV Election of officers

No nominations from the floor for the slate of officers. Di (m), Doug (s) – accept the slate of offices as put forward. Carried.

- V Other business

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Co-Chairs' Report

ArtsJunktion mb continues to thrive! Due to the generosity of Cre8ive Arts Supplies and Services we have been able to maintain an urban and central presence in Winnipeg with almost 2000 square feet of depot space. We are grateful to Cre8ive and encourage our membership to support them whenever they can.

This year began with the opening of our urban community garden which has been a tremendous addition to the depot and the neighbourhood. We re-instituted our newsletter, have had a monthly membership drives to grow memberships, hosted a greater number of art workshops, and continue to work with arts and community organizations.

Administration

- The ArtsJunktion mb Board of Directors

The commitment and hard work of the ArtsJunktion mb Board of Directors cannot be overstated. The board, re-elected each year, is entirely volunteer and requires much time and commitment, for which we are grateful. Thank you to all past and present board members.

- Employees

In the fall, we said goodbye to our long-time Depot Manager, Chloe LaBella and hired Krista Hoeborg—another dynamo—to take her place. We continue to employ, and are grateful to our Workshop Coordinator, Barb Doncaster for her hard work and service. In February 2013, we hired a Business Outreach Coordinator, Kelly Ruth, whose job is to extend our relationships with businesses that currently use ArtsJunktion as an alternative waste management services. The goal for her position is to encourage businesses to continue to redirect their waste (such as off cuts, overruns, and excess) to ArtsJunktion, to educate businesses about ArtsJunktion mb and the importance of waste reuse and recycling, and to request sponsorships from these businesses. As in past years, we have once again hired a youth through Urban Green Team, Zorya Arrow Baskier-Pasternak, whose job is to support the maintenance of the urban garden and the depot, and to provide community outreach over the summer.

- Meetings with others

As Co-chairs, we are invited to meet with funders and others who want to learn more about our organization. This year we met with representatives from Canadian Community Economic Development Network (CCEDNet), SPARK, ArtsVest, Manitoba Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention (WRAPP) and Winnipeg Foundation. Along with other board members we attended the Manitoba Association of School Superintendents Sustainability Conference, the Alliance for the Arts Conference and Seedy Saturday. We met with the Honourable Minister Kevin Chief and were invited to the Winnipeg Arts Council's, Mayor's lunch as guests of Assiniboine Credit Union. We were also thrilled to have a global presence this year by participating in the virtual tour event produced by Berlin-based re-use centre Kunst-Stoffe entitled "From Waste to Resource: Reconverting Sustainable Attitudes." This was organized by Drap-Art, an organization from Barcelona, Spain that promotes creative recycling.

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Financial Sustainability

ArtsJunktion mb has been striving to become financially sustainable. While charging membership fees may seem like a viable solution, we have struggled with both the ethics of charging for free materials (and thus marginalizing and excluding some from benefiting from ArtsJunktion), as well as the more pragmatic difficulties of selling memberships (particularly in regards to the amount of administration time, costs and maintenance of memberships).

Therefore, we continue to solicit funds through four main avenues:

- **Fundraisers**

Our two main fundraisers, the fall social and the spring art auction, have become very popular and continue to generate an increasing amount of revenue each year and contribute to 25% of our budget. Our fall social includes a bike raffle of which tickets are already available.

- **Grants**

Grants contributed to 38% of our annual budget this year and cover all programming, administrative and special project costs. It is important to note, that grants do not normally cover operating expenses which make up over half of our budget.

- **Donations**

We are grateful to all those individuals who offer monetary donations in exchange for tax receipts. These are essential to help pay for our operating costs and account for about \$5,000 towards our budget. Our goal for next year is to double this amount.

- **Sponsorships**

Sponsors refer to those businesses who contribute financially to ArtsJunktion, the largest contributor being Creative Arts Supplies and Services. We are grateful to our other sponsors including: Manitoba Association of Art Educators (MAAE), and Canadian Association for Young Children (CAYC).

Community Engagements

ArtsJunktion mb takes seriously our role in the community, engaging volunteers, supporting artists and arts/community organizations, providing workshops and gallery spaces, sharing our classroom space and participating in First Fridays.

- **Volunteers**

ArtsJunktion relies heavily on volunteers. In the depot alone, our volunteers logged over 2000 hours of time. In addition to the countless hours of our regular volunteers we have, we also continue to receive many volunteers from various social services agencies.

- **Supporting Artists and Arts/Community Organizations**

ArtsJunktion prides itself on the positive and reciprocal relationships we have with local artists. We strive to provide them with a free space to display their art and pay them fairly for workshops they provide for our teachers and general public. This year, we were pleased to offer workshops by a number of artists.

- **Arts Organizations' and Community Organizations' Events hosted at ArtsJunktion**

There are many arts and community organizations that host events, workshops and meetings in our classroom space. This year we hosted many groups, including:

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- Barb Shear, University of Winnipeg used the space for a Language Arts Class.
- Joe Hallis and the Winnipeg School Division's art educators.
- The Canadian Association of Young Children (CAYC) uses the depot for their monthly meetings and hosted an after-school and full-day workshop
- Manitoba Association for Art Educators (MAAE) hosted their annual SAGE meeting and a SAGE workshop
- Manitoba Association of School Superintendents (MASS) held a site visit and art workshop at ArtsJunktjon as part of their conference
- Other workshops were hosted by Manitoba Rural Learning Consortium, Manitoba Child Care Association (MCCA), Victoria Albert School, .
- "First Fridays"

Our Goals

As Co-chairs we see our main goals being: extending our visibility with the general public and business community, developing relationships with the businesses that use ArtsJunktjon as an alternative waste management site, developing a long-term strategic/business plan, among many other things. We encourage everyone to become a member (it's free!), and become involved in one of many ways: visit the depot, attend a workshop, tell a friend, share our work with a business owner, help out at the board level...the list goes on!

We're proud to serve on the board of ArtsJunktjon mb and thank all of those who contribute in the many ways they do!

Respectfully submitted by Andrea Bell Stuart and Melanie Janzen

Vice-Chair's Report

It has been a pleasure to serve on the AJ board over the past year. We have been blessed with committed stability in key leadership roles, especially in Mel Janzen and Andrea Stuart as co-chairs. Their positive attitude, creativity, joyful spirits, vision, and leadership skills all contribute to a pleasant working environment, so that we all look forward to board meetings. We sincerely appreciate the time and energy and passion which they give to AJ which is an inspiration to us all.

The board once again has proven to be a cohesive and energetic force in helping AJ move forward. They have especially displayed a cooperative and supportive spirit in all decision making. As a result new things are happening, new staff has been hired, new directions and movements are taking place. Volunteer hours of skilled work given by this team are not counted, but they are many.

The prospects for growth and development of ArtsJunktjon are brighter than ever, and with the sustained commitment of the board, staff and members, we can look forward to exciting days ahead.

Respectfully submitted by Doug Wiebe

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Depot Manager's Report

In September 2012, I began my new position as Depot Manager. In the first couple of months, my focus was to establish a configuration of the movable tables in the sorting area to implement a consistent system of managing incoming materials to be sorted and shelved. The designated sorting area is not accessible to "shoppers", ensuring that all incoming materials are seen by staff or volunteers, allowing us to decide if materials might be useful for us to keep at the depot, or possibly be used in upcoming workshops. This has been very successful, and feedback from the public has been, and continues to be very positive.

I assisted Board Members and various committees with preparations for the Fall Fundraising Social, keeping track of social and raffle tickets, posterizing, and working at the event itself, giving me an opportunity to meet many longtime supporters of ArtsJunktion. In December our Saturday hours changed to 12-4pm. This has been successful in terms of managing the large number of donations that tend to arrive mid-day on Saturdays. The depot is very well used for the entire 4 hour period.

Into the new year, the number of volunteers has continued to grow. We are continuing to attract an amazing volunteer base, whose dedication and hard work is constantly visible in the depot as it continues to evolve into a more and more organized space.

In April, I organized an Earth Day/Volunteer Appreciation Event. In addition to having an art activity coordinator, there were a variety of artists and musicians including Jess Stacey-Sokulski, David Sweatman, Wilson Sorto, Matt and Karli Colpitts, and J. Riley Hill who performed throughout the afternoon. Thanks also to Karen Schlichting for bringing her beautiful mosaic-tiled oven in which she made pizza for all in attendance. Volunteers were given gift certificates to attend an ArtsJunktion Workshop of their choice. There was a huge turnout for the event.

In addition to the countless hours of our regular volunteers we also continue to receive many volunteers from various social agencies in Winnipeg and are grateful to organizations such as Direct Action in Support of Community Homes (DASCH), Transcona-Springfield Employment Network (TSEN), EPIC Opportunities, SCE Lifeworks, Changes, and Work and Social Opportunities Inc (WASO) for the reciprocal relationships we have developed.

I assisted in the preparations for the 4th Annual Art Auction, inviting several artists to donate pieces.

We implemented an on-line Membership Registration Drive in April, with a prize winner drawn each subsequent month from our on-line membership. Prizes are donated by local artists and craftspeople, and are displayed prominently in the depot. Our membership is growing dramatically as a result.

Networking through social media continues to help us grow as well. Regular posts on Facebook have attracted new members and visitors to the depot. I regularly post photos of exciting new materials as they arrive.

The depot has acquired a new lockable glass display case, which will house donated art pieces by supporters of ArtsJunktion. These items will be available by donation. Items will be displayed with the name of the artist, the retail value of the item, and a "minimum donation". I will

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be soliciting donations from local artists on an ongoing basis for this, in hopes of raising revenue for the depot.

We are in the process of hiring our Summer Green Team employee, and have many planned improvements, both inside and outside of the depot for the months ahead.

Respectfully Submitted by Krista Hoeberg

Workshop Coordinator's Report

Once again ArtsJunktion has been able to offer a range of workshops for teachers thanks to the support of Manitoba Education and The Winnipeg Foundation. This year we conducted six teacher workshops. The workshops continue to attract teachers from a variety of school divisions, both urban and rural, and from every grade level.

We started the year with *Developing First Nations Perspectives through Art* with **Leah Fontaine**. Leah used the Medicine Wheel to help teachers understand First Nations culture and traditions and to show ways in which we are all connected. Teachers created a moccasin, based on an Ojibway technique, which was then transformed into an animal that was part of the Medicine Wheel. Leah is a sensitive leader who encouraged participants to be self reflective. The final sharing session had a very emotional impact on the participants.

In December, **Ann Rallison** presented *One Theme Many Mediums*. The theme was 'trees' and teachers created trees using many different mediums. During the day they drew, painted, printed and sculpted trees! Ann is a very animated and energetic workshop leader and everyone had a good time and learned a lot.

Painting in the Classroom, with **Cathy Woods** was held on January 25. This was another high energy workshop that had teachers creating gorgeous paintings using a variety of paint media, including tempera, acrylic and watercolour. Cathy's classroom-tested techniques ensured that participants were inspired to work large and bold. Everyone was successful!

On March 8, teachers had the opportunity to create 'monsters' in the *Creating Sculpture* workshop **Tracy Woodward** led this workshop, which had participants creating soft sculptures using the many materials from ArtsJunktion. The 'monsters' turned out to be very cute and cuddly. They also made small kinetic sculptures from the materials they found at the depot.

Renee McGurry was the presenter for the *First Nations Story Vine Workshop* on March 15. Story telling has a long tradition in First Nations cultures and creating a story vine is one way to visually represent a story. Participants created story vines to tell First Nations creation stories. **Victoria E. McIntosh** worked alongside Renee to help teachers understand the creation stories and to help them with the process of creating the vines. We plan to run this workshop again in the fall.

Our last teacher workshop was on April 26. Tom Roberts, who has developed a program for producing portraits that allows students to be creative and successful, shared his ideas with teachers in the *Portraiture* workshop. Tom used a step-by-step approach to teach participants how to draw mouths, eyes and noses and then they were ready to create very large painted portraits. The results were amazing! Everyone was successful.

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Our teacher workshops have been very well received this year—almost always filling up. Comments from the workshops have been overwhelmingly positive.

ArtsJunktion also offered four evening workshops for anyone in the community who was interested.

Natasha Halayda presented *Creating Feather Jewellery* in November, a workshop which encouraged participants to create jewellery from feathers and a variety of found materials.

In January, **Doug Wiebe** spent two evenings conducting *Creating Mosaics*. Ceramic tiles and broken crockery were used to create many varied and different products – mosaic table tops, mirror frames, stools, etc.

Silk Painting with **Ann Rallison** took place on two nights in February. On the first evening everyone created drawings on the silk with ‘gutta’ and finished them on the second evening by painting the drawings with the brilliant silk dyes.

In May, **Tom Roberts** offered an evening version of his portrait workshop. Participants learned a lot about drawing faces and had fun creating their own large portraits in *Fun with Portraits/Creating the ‘Big Head’*.

We value the contributions of our artists and are proud to pay artists according to the Manitoba Arts Council artist wage scale. Please feel free to contact me if you are interested in facilitating a workshop for ArtsJunktion.

This has been a very busy productive year for workshops at ArtsJunktion and our first teacher workshop for next year (First Nations Story Vines workshop) is already filling up fast.

Respectfully submitted by Barb Doncaster

Business Outreach Coordinator’s Report

I started my position as Outreach Coordinator at the beginning of March. This is a part time contract position which involves building and maintaining relationships with businesses that send materials to the depot and also finding and managing sponsorships. In the beginning of my employment I spent two weeks working at the depot to get a sense of daily operations and materials. I have taken a workshop through CCEDNET on building a financially stable future. The first couple of months involved mostly research, and developing of communication materials, as well as writing a strategic plan for my position. Since having my plan, and communication materials reviewed and accepted by the board I have now begun contacting businesses who currently have a relationship with ArtsJunktion, for the purpose of setting up a visit to their facility to review materials which they can be sending to the depot. I have successfully met with some, and I’m also taking the opportunity to ask them more questions in order to determine how we can serve the business community better, in order to make sponsorships more attractive when I do ask businesses to support us in this way. I have also become the contact for board members to send their “leads “to in regards to developing relationships with new businesses who are friends of

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individuals involved in ArtsJunktion. I am able to follow up, formalize and keep track of all these opportunity as they come up.

Respectfully submitted by Kelly Ruth

Treasurer's Report

ArtsJunktion mb. Inc strives to be financially sustainable without charging membership or user fees. Our annual budget is \$70,000. These funds are allocated to cover:

Administrative Costs	20%
Programming Costs	18%
Depot Operations	62%

Our programming costs are covered by a generous grant from Manitoba Education. Sourcing, sorting and redistributing materials, to artists and for businesses, costs ArtsJunktion \$43,500 per year, 62% of our annual budget. **Our depot operating costs are not funded by grants.**

We rely on the financial contributions of companies whose waste we are managing, the users of materials and their affiliated organizations or corporate sponsors to cover these costs. ArtsJunktion also hosts two fundraisers each year, the November Event at the King's Head and the Art Auction to raise funds for operating the depot.

We are grateful to Cre8ive Art Supplies who generously sponsor ArtsJunktion mb. Inc by contributing a substantial portion of our rent and utility costs. Please support Cre8ive Art Supplies in appreciation.

Respectfully submitted by Dianne Harms

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Statement of Revenues and Expenses Year Ended June 30, 2012

(unaudited - Notice to Reader)

	2012
REVENUES	
Grants	17,700
Sponsors	11,930
Junktion Funktions	2,875
Fundraising	11,989
Donations	9,666
Interest	6
Green Team Grant	3,391
	<u>57,557</u>
EXPENDITURES	
Advertising and Promotion	1,701
Artists	2,000
Fundraising	749
Furnishings	934
Green Team Expenses	2,623
Internet	650
Insurance	1,075
Office	3,468
Junktion Funktions	2,395
Renovations	5,283
Rental	14,163
Salaries and Wages	22,565
Supplies	1,185
Telephone	677
	<u>59,468</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENSES	1,911
GENERAL FUND- BEGINNING OF YEAR	<u>13,521</u>
GENERAL FUND-END OF YEAR	<u>11,610</u>

prepared by The Exchange, chartered accountants LLP

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Finance Committee Report

The Finance Committee submitted many grant applications to a variety of funding bodies this past year, and as a result has secured in excess of \$17 000.00 in grants during the 2011-2012 fiscal year. We are pleased to report that we have received funding from:

- The Winnipeg Foundation (\$10 000.00)
- Assiniboine Credit Union (\$750.00)
- The Urban Green Team (\$1 700.00)
- MB Conservation Waste Reduction and Pollution Prevention (\$7 000.00)

Also, we have submitted an application to The Winnipeg Foundation for a second year of funding for operational costs which is pending.

The Finance Committee notes that ArtsJunktion mb also received additional private and business donations, and participated in different aspects of fundraising for programming and operations costs. ArtsJunktion mb relies on funding, fundraising, and donations to remain a free service to businesses that use ArtsJunktion to redirect their waste and to community members who access the materials. We encourage and remain grateful for monetary donations, which receive a charitable tax receipt to the donor.

Respectfully submitted by Joey Robertson

Materials Committee Report

Statistics of Materials

June 2012-April 2013 (11 months)

Materials in:	11,661.6 cubic feet (average 1060 cu ft per month)
Materials out:	10,599.6 cubic feet (average 963.6 cu ft per month)

Compared to statistics for the previous fiscal year, the above figures show a 25% increase in the amount of materials taken in and an 18% increase in the amount taken out.

Statistics of Volunteer Hours

Although we have an employee to support the depot operations, ArtsJunktion relies on the support of many volunteers. The number of hours represents only those who volunteer in the depot.

Volunteer hours June to Dec 2012: 1217.63 hours (933.63 plus 284 hours for garden development)

Volunteer hours January to May 2013: 876.5 hours

Total Volunteer Hours: June 2012-May 2013: 2094.13 hours

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Committee Activities

- ⤴ Committee meetings were held as needed.
- ⤴ One committee member (Edna) compiled stats on a monthly basis and volunteered regularly in the depot. Another member (Kaz) responded to requests for pick-ups and went on a circuit around the city regularly to recover materials.
- ⤴ Chair met with depot manager to discuss various issues and maintained ongoing communication.
- ⤴ Chair assisted with job description and reviewing resumes for Business Outreach position.
- ⤴ Committee members had two meetings with Kelly Ruth, Business Outreach Coordinator, to assist in defining goals for position and approaches to businesses.
- ⤴ Depot record sheets for materials in and out were improved.
- ⤴ Drivers list was updated; coordinating with depot manager regarding drivers.
- ⤴ Continuing to specify volunteer needs, particular need for people to call on at short notice for providing assistance (muscle power) in loading/unloading large volumes of donations.

Respectfully Submitted by Mary Mathias

Membership Chair's Report

We currently have 1267 registered in on our online Membership database. Membership is free and we encourage all those who support ArtsJunktion to become a member!

Events Committee Report

- ArtsJunktion Social Fundraiser

Our social was great fun once again this year. It was held at the King's Head pub on Wednesday November 7th 2012. We are already looking forward to next year's social and have rebooked with the King's Head for Thursday November 7 2013. Music was provided by the Bart Band. We had a vast number of auction prizes that were created through the generosity of several local donors and the hard work of our board members. We would like to thank the many local businesses that supported the social including:

Allison Moore, Barletta Beeswax, Berns and Black Salon and Spa, Boston Pizza, Bruce Popham, Closet Chick, Corrientes, Claudine Perrott, Cre8ive Art Supplies and Services, DeLuca's, Fort Whyte Alive, The Fox and Fiddle, FROGBOX Winnipeg, Getty Stewart, Haberdashery, Hermano's Restaurant and Wine Bar, Hilary Druxman, John Anderson, The King's Head Pub, Krista Hoeberg, Landless Farmers, Mb Association of Art Educators, Manitoba Children's Museum, Manitoba Theatre Centre, Mb Theatre for Young People, Morden's of Winnipeg, OM

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Yoga, Parlour, Paul Sutherland, Peasant Cookery, Pixel's Exhibiton Prints, Plezia Insurance Brokers, Prairie Theatre Exchange, Provici Cosmetics, Rady Jewish Community Centre, Reh-fit Centre, The Royal Winnipeg Ballet, St. Mary's Nursery, Starbuck's, Stella's Bakery, Toad Hall, Towne 8 Cinema, Urban Massage Therapy, Warehouse Art Gallery, Wendy MacMillan, and The Winnipeg Free Press Café.

Thank you to the board members for willingly giving so much of their time and dedication to organize such a wonderful fundraising event. An extra big thanks to Les Wiens, who once again generously donated a bike as our grand prize. Ticket sales are already underway at the Arts Junktion depot for the bicycle that will be auctioned off at the 2013 Fall social at the King's Head.

- **Fourth Annual Art Auction**

Windows to the Soul was our theme for this year's Art Auction. It was a brilliant success. We were able to host the event at the gorgeous Manitoba Hydro Place (360 Portage Ave). The exciting venue was a huge attraction for our guests. This year, as well as providing refreshments, appetizers and live entertainment, we included two busking stations hosted by local artists Darlene Drewniak, Kait Evinger and Annalee Geisbrecht. Our buskers provided charcoal caricatures and watercolour 'soul portraits' for guests. Thank you to the Bart Band for providing live music and a big thanks to Andy Kaye and Jason Kaye, local auctioneers (from Kaye's Auction) who donated their time for the fourth year in a row to support us by auctioning off our collection.

We are hugely grateful to the 51 local artists who generously donated pieces of art for the 2013 Art Auction. We are fortunate to be supported by tremendously talented local artists! Photos of the art were posted on the website so that buyers could preview the collection before attending the auction. We also offered art pins that could be purchased at the event. Next year along with art pins, we will be selling art magnets and art cards to promote the wonderful work of our donating artists. We would like to thank the Assiniboine Credit Union for their support towards funding the event and Manitoba Hydro Place for supplying an excellent venue. Thank you as well to our devoted board members who worked tirelessly to ensure that the 4th Annual Arts Junktion Art Auction was an enormous success.

Respectfully submitted Heather Graham

Education/Newsletter Report

You can check out our newsletter on our website.

Publicity Report

This year brought many opportunities for ArtsJunktion mb to spread the word about its vision and the depot to Manitobans. Publicity highlights include:

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- Earth Day Celebrations
- The Annual Fundraising Social
- The Annual Art Auction

As well as talking about what we do at ArtsJunktion mb, there continues to be promotional items available such as business cards, brochures as well as ArtsJunktion pins. In addition, we've become a bigger presence on Facebook, allowing for us to continue advertising ourselves, our events and our classes.

Respectfully submitted by Bela Luis

Art Gallery Curator's Report

It's been a busy year in the Gallery. ArtsJunktion hosted 12 exciting art shows and there was art on our walls for 365 days this past year! Each *First Friday* of the month we celebrated an art opening accompanied by local musicians. That art stayed on the walls of the gallery for a month while the artist could sell their work independently.

The artists and musicians featured this year include:

July: Joclyn Rushworth sponsored by Les Wiens with Ashlee Bart

August: Heather Stuart with Curran Faris.

September: Cindy Garrioch with outdoor art by Doug Wiebe, Ursula Neufeld, and Kaz Sawicz and music by Papa Mambo.

October: Corrine Danard with Ashlee Bart.

November: Kris Wuud with Matt and Karli Colpitts.

December: Crafters Anonymous with Graham Hnatiuk

January: Gerhard Wiebe with Cory Lieshman

February: Allison Moore with Matt Colpitts(didn't come)

March: Janet Perrett with Matt and Karli Colpitts

April: Janet Perrett with J. Riley Hill

May: Heather Stuart with Anne-Marie Williot

June: MAWA Mother's Group with David Sweatman. (Including a Mothers Zine group)

First Fridays in the Exchange is a wonderful event organized by the Winnipeg Exchange community and features 15 venues. ArtsJunktion has made a commitment to be a part of the festivities this past year. It is a fun event where people can walk around the Exchange District and visit art studios and galleries. That said, attendance is higher in the warmer months and there were some months when very few people attended. ArtsJunktion is the only venue at the *First Fridays in the Exchange* that hosts an artist and musician. It has been a wonderful year and we look forward to another year of art and music. Thanks to all of the board members who volunteered and attended our openings.

Suggestions:

I suggest that ArtsJunktion continue to host art openings as part of the *First Friday in the Exchange* event. I would like to put more of an effort into publicity in order to get people out.

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There is very little effort or expense on our part and if we could consistently get people out to the First Friday Party, ArtsJunktion would benefit from the exposure and publicity along with the artists.

Possibly the 'Members Draw' for a prize could be held there and this could bring people out. More advertising could increase attendance. Facebook, Twitter and Website are easy to access to promote the event. Could we please send a monthly press release and advertise on the radio and other publications. We should at very least be mentioned in the TAB (Winnipeg Free Press) every month.

It has been a pleasure to work with artists, musicians and the board. Thank you for a great year!

Respectfully Submitted by Heather Stuart

Physical Plant Report

It's been a very busy year! Last summer was consumed with the installation of the community garden. We hauled and installed a tyndal stone, built wooden benches and garden boxes with reclaimed wood, planted trees and perennials, and supported art installations. It was a tremendous amount of back-breaking work and is a great addition to ArtsJunktion and our community.

Additional activities since then include:

- repainted bathroom floor
- installed baseboards
- brought bathroom up to code for handicap access
- realigned main entrance door frame
- replaced weather stripping
- installed new lock
- constructed and installed new flower boxes for fence in patio garden
- repaired both fences
- installed sand-filled ashtrays
- cleared broken mosaic artwork (all future mosaic work must be sealed to withstand our harsh climate)
- hired an Urban Green Team employee to support our work over the summer.

Respectfully submitted by Gerhard Wiebe

Proposed Slate of Directors for 2013-14:

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