

Call for Annual Membership Meeting and Election of Officers

The Detroit Artists Workshop will hold its first annual membership meeting at 1365 Jarvis, Ferndale, MI 48220, on July 16, 2009, at 7 p.m., in the Pinkeye / Duende rehearsal space. The meeting will last one hour and will consist of a treasurer's report and general election.

DAW Activity Statement

We've had a gradual expansion of activity throughout the spring of this year and on into the summer. We think this is due to more interest and more people willing to collaborate with us on our programs. Highlights include DAW community service projects, such as:

- **Leni Sinclair donating her exhibit to the Charles Wright Museum of African American History;**
- **James Semark offering a student-mentor youth writing program to the City of Oak Park MI schools.**

These activities provide a good track record in the event we apply for major grant awards in the near future. In addition, our fundraising for *Detroit Rocks!* (a picture book collaboration between Leni Sinclair and Gary Grimshaw) has been the most successful of all. We thank those sponsors and production of *Detroit Rocks!* will soon get underway.

In June, we met with Ed Gardiner of the Motor City Movie Factory, located in the Russell Industrial Complex, and we were shown his space, which has a performance stage, seating and movie screen already built. We are exploring this and other options for a physical DAW operating center, one that would facilitate regular programs, workshops and meetings.

In the near term, the Detroit Artists Workshop Press has a *triple* release of books in planning: (1) *WORK/6* (A 2009 Anthology of Generations) edited by Robin Eichele and James Semark, (2) *Detroit Rocks!* (A Pictorial History of Detroit Rock & Roll) by Gary Grimshaw and Leni Sinclair, (3) *A Bibliography of Publications* by Michael Jernigan. Perhaps the book release of all three can be combined at a major program event this fall, e.g. the 45th anniversary of the DAW.

In the long term, we think more service activity will position us for major awards, the award funding to be used for creation of fellowships to fund DAW projects.

Yours,
The DAW Acting Board of Directors

The membership will elect the officers, Board of Directors, and Steering Committee members. Members are invited to elect, from the list of current officers or from the active membership list:

- 4 officers: President, Vice-President, Treasurer, and Secretary;
- 3 additional board members;
- From 3 – 10 members for the Steering Committee*.

*FYI: the Board of Directors handles business and finance, while the Steering Committee works with projects (any Board member or active member can have a chair on the Steering Committee).

In addition, the membership is asked to vote on inviting these two individuals to join the DAW and to participate on the Steering Committee:

- R.J. Spangler (drummer, manager, director of "Planet D Nonet")
- Melba Boyd (senior member of the Broadside Press).

A blank ballot form is included on the back of this newsletter. Election committee members are Jeff Howitt and Laura Willem (they will tally the votes). All members who do not plan to attend the meeting may still participate in the election by mail-in ballot (see instructions below*).

The current acting officers and Board of Directors consists of:

1. Leni Sinclair, President
2. James Semark, Treasurer
3. Gary Grimshaw, Secretary
4. Robin Eichele
5. Brita Brookes
6. Michael Jernigan
7. Len Beste.

*Instructions for mail-in ballot: Fill out the ballot form in this newsletter and enclose it within a sealed envelope marked: Election Committee. Then, enclose your sealed envelope in a stamped outer envelope and mail to: DAW Annual Election, 1551 Beaufield St., Ferndale, MI 48220

Easy Ballot Form

From the active membership list below, elect the following officers and board members:

1. President _____ 2. Vice-President _____
3. Treasurer _____ 4. Secretary _____
5. Board Member _____ 6. Board Member _____
7. Board Member _____

From the active membership list below, select from three (3) to ten (10) members for the Steering Committee

1. _____ 2. _____
3. _____ 4. _____
5. _____ 6. _____
7. _____ 8. _____
9. _____ 10. _____

Invite R.J. Spangler and Melba Boyd to participate in DAW Steering Committee? (Check one:)

Yes _____ No _____

FYI: at this time, DAW active (voting) membership consists of: (1) all those who participated in DAW activities from the time of the 40th anniversary reunion to present; (2) all those who enrolled in the DAW at the 44th anniversary program; (3) all those who have recently contributed \$25 or more at DAW fundraisers.

Following is a list of active members:

Len Beste	Joe Lucido
Jon Biernot	Carol Lucido
Dina Bey	M.L. Liebler
Brita Brookes	Stephen Ligoski
Robin Eichele	Carl Lundgren
Ron English	Michele Lundgren
Anthony Gentile	Brandon Moss
Bobbi Gorevitz	Sherry Peysson
Gary Grimshaw	Jeff Reynolds
Bill Harris	Pierce Reynolds
Jeff Howitt	Mike Ross
Michael Jernigan	Brian Roz
Gail Katz	James Semark
Kurt Katzenmier	Sunny Sinclair
Cary Loren	Leni Sinclair

Honorary Member:

John Sinclair