

FCC NEWSLETTER



FONTBONNE COMMUNITY CONNECTION – A WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Oil Painting Medium Lab Provides Rare Opportunity

Victor Wang, Professor of Art (Painting and Drawing), reports the Oil Painting Medium Lab is fascinating his students — thanks to our FCC grant. The grant allowed Professor Wang to purchase a wide variety of highly specialized oils, resins, encaustic, gold leaf and other fine materials—as well as a “Dürer Grid”; a technique used by Old Masters to achieve proper proportion, composition and perspective. Remaining funds will bring an East Coast expert in art conservation to visit, lecture and conduct a workshop and to explore offering a painting restoration minor at Fontbonne.

“Medium” is the component added to oil paint to achieve various char-

acteristics — distinctive brush marks, thick/thin paint, textures, layers, leveling, gloss, various drying times and other unique qualities. Working knowledge of various mediums is essential for restoration work and for replicating works by the Old Masters, for example, as well as for achieving distinctive painting qualities in students’ own artwork. Such experience is not provided at most art schools, and it enhances Fontbonne’s already stellar art program.

There are only 10 graduate programs in art conservation in the U.S. Fontbonne students exposed to the new medium lab could be candidates for these programs and for eventual restoration work at museums or other institutions.



Victor Wang in Oil Painting Medium Lab

Textbooks on Reserve

Dr. Jane Snyder’s 2011 Grant Proposal, ***Textbooks on Reserve*** (\$4,000) was submitted after first determining there was a need to establish a repository of textbooks for general education courses that would be restricted to library use. Students studying in the library could experience the benefit of savings in their textbook budget as well as enjoy the freedom from carrying some of their heavy textbooks around campus.

Textbooks selected for the “reserve shelves” were chosen from a list of general education courses through consultation with department

chairs, faculty and students, and were purchased at discounted prices whenever possible. University librarians checked the textbooks in and out, while keeping a detailed record of usage of each book.

At the end of the project, a post-project survey was distributed in four classrooms (three in general education courses and one in dietetics) with the results being included in a well-documented final report that was delivered to the FCC. The project exceeded expectations in several areas, with the two most (Continued on Pg. 3)

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Green Griffins



The Green Griffins recycling project has been successfully enacted. The goal was to create polished, uniform and well-used recycling facilities on campus. New individual recycling bins have been added to each apartment room in Southwest. New large bottle/can bins and new paper bins have been added to each residential floor on campus, and new paper bins have been added to all the other buildings. The existing bins have been moved outside to create a more noticeable presence.



The University enrolled in "RecycleMania" for the second year. The results after eight weeks was the gathering of 3800 pounds of recycle material which beat out the previous year records.

Two surveys were taken to gauge the impact of the bins. First, prospective students said they would be, "more likely to go to a university with available and accessible recycling."

Secondly, at the end of the year, after the containers had been out a few months, the community said, "They have been recycling more this year than last year." The residence halls and the campus look better and one professor noted that things seemed to get better each day.

Congratulations Green Griffins for a great job!

Zebrafish Development Lab



Dr. Rebecca Foushee requested a grant in the 2011-2012 calendar year to study zebrafish. The zebrafish is a freshwater fish that, like humans, has a backbone, and partially because of this, and that their DNA is 80% similar to ours, many scientists analyze this

remarkable creature across many different fields of study.

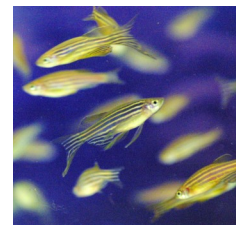
The request was for the above year, but the grant will also be utilized for future years also.

The grant supports both faculty

and students in behavioral and biological research and will also help undergrads as well as graduate students.

Dr. Foushee has also said that she hopes that due to the intense

research that can be done with this grant, that it will also ultimately encourage donations through the Advancement office.



*I try to write parts
for women
that are as complicated
and interesting
as women actually are.
~ Nora Ephron*

Textbooks on Reserve (continued from Page 1)

Awareness of the service –
Projected...25% Actual ...56%

Usage increase in 2nd semester –
Projected...10% Actual...422%!

Certainly these results look promising for the future of this project and create high hopes for a continued increase in the numbers of participants as well as available textbooks, especially through donations of used/extra books or possible cash contributions for additional purchases.

Dr. Snyder emphasized the importance of our *giving circle* in saying,



Dr. Jane Snyder (left) with textbooks on reserve.



"I would like to thank the FCC for making this project, and so many others, possible. It is my hope that this project can continue... with other funding. Books will need to be replaced and new books added. It is my conclusion that there is a significant return on investment for a relatively small amount of expenditure."

Complete survey results and a listing of purchased textbooks, etc. can be found in the final report available on the FCC website.



Annual Meeting and Awards Announcements

The FCC Annual Meeting was held on July 12, 2012 with 41 members in attendance. Retiring officers and committee chairs were recognized for their service and well as the introduction of new officers and committee chairs. The award announcements were read with

14 grants being funded this year that totaled \$9,0320. We closed with a wonderful time of sharing about the FCC and what it has meant to each member .

Coming Events

Fontbonne FCC DAY will be on Wednesday, August 29. This is going to be a special day of celebration! Our giving circle is to be recognized for five years of providing funding to faculty, staff, students and student organizations. It has been an amazing journey as we have been making dreams come true across the campus.

Schedule for the Day:

- 7:30 - 8:30 a.m. Breakfast - *President's Reception Room, 1st Floor, East Building*
- 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. FCC Annual Planning Meeting - *President's Reception Room, 1st Floor, East Building*
- 10:15 - 11:15 a.m. Academic Convocation - *Mabee Gymnasium, Dunham Student Activity Center*
- 11:15 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Proclamation & Reception with FCC Grant Recipients
The Caf', Dunham Student Activity Center
- 12:00 - 1:00 p.m. Mass of the Holy Spirit — Sister Rita Marie Schmitz, CSJ (FCC member) renewal of vows for her Golden Jubilee as a Sister of St. Joseph of Carondelet - *Doerr Chapel, Ryan Hall*

Please RSVP to Vickie Logston by Wednesday, August 22. Contact her at 314-889-1412 or vlogston@fontbonne.edu.

Medaille Meadow and the AMC Sound System Grant Update

Janelle Densberger, Ph.D., Director of Leadership Education and Student Activities, presented a grant proposal to the FCC for 2011 that would provide a sound system solution for the Medaille Meadow area. There are many activities and events that are held in this space, and it had been an issue for the students, staff and faculty to use the area for events that included speakers and music because of the sound system set-up. As Janelle and her group investigated this situation further, it was discovered that the cost for quality equipment for a full-scale permanent system far exceeded the amount requested.

Therefore, after seeking approval through the FCC, two portable sound systems were purchased along with accessories that allowed for a wire-less microphone, and an iPod and iPad that will provide musical options for both systems. These purchases have allowed for greater flexibility for this space. Since the purchase, both sound systems have been used for numerous events such as Christmas Around Campus, Leadership and Service Awards Banquets, Fontbonne Day, sporting events and other student activities. The quality of these systems and the ease of set-up have given a fresh approach to many of the gathering on campus in

that area.

As an example of the positive influence from this project, the university saved approximately \$500 at Springfest in spring 2012 as no sound system rentals were needed from an outside vendor to hold the event, and because the systems are portable, they have been easy to move around to use on other areas of campus.

The Department of Leadership Education and Student Activities wishes to thank the FCC for approving and awarding this grant money!

FCC Members in the News



Playwriting Grant Update

Fontbonne Director of Theatre and Performing Arts, Deanna Jent, calls Mustard Seed Theatre's first playwriting contest a huge success! She said there were many outstanding scripts submitted. Scripts were read "blind" with no identifying information about the playwrights. Much to the delight and surprise of the judging panel, the winning playwright was St. Louis resident Joshua Cook. His script, "The Geography of Nowhere," explores the lives of three people who live next door to each other and try to create a utopian community in the midst of everyday life. Their journey, intertwined with fictional characters and memories of past relationships, culminates in them all giving up on the idea of utopia and accepting the challenge of creating real community instead.

After the play was selected, Cook met with Fontbonne theatre students for an initial read-through and fielded their reactions and suggestions for improving the script. The director and actors crafted a delightful production from his revised script. The house was filled each of the two nights of the staged reading on April 22 and 23. This was the first time on the Fontbonne campus for many in attendance, helping to further realize FCC goals and extend University presence in the community.

Did you know?

- We funded 14 Grant Proposals this year, totaling \$90,320.
- 65 projects funded by the FCC totaling \$338,919
- There are currently 86 FCC members.
- You are always welcome to attend the FCC Executive Advisory Council Meetings. These are generally held on the third Thursday of the month.
- The Social Work Department is in need of items for place settings. If you could donate any of the following, it would be greatly appreciated: Sets of flatware, sets of dishes—finer quality, glassware, etc. To get more detailed information, please contact Sharon Jackson at 314-719-3642.
- Fontbonne is going to celebrate the FCC with an FCC DAY!!! Plan to join us on August 29. Activities are being planned throughout the morning.

Volunteers Needed

- FCC volunteers are needed for Reunion weekend (September 21-23). Traditionally we have staffed the Bookstore table on Sunday morning. If you are interested? Please contact Carrie Wenberg (the Director of Alumni Relations and an FCC member) at 314-889-1447.

Message from the Retiring Chair



Dear Fellow FCC Member,

It has been a great honor and privilege to be your Chair for the last three years. This has been one of the most rewarding and enriching experiences I have had. Together we have made such a difference to Fontbonne, an institution in which I believe in, and we honor the heritage of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet, a truly remarkable community of women. I am pleased to be able to pass the leadership of the FCC to our new slate of officers, and especially to our new Chair, Joan Falk. I have known Joan for many years (having gone to grade school, high school and college with her) and I can think of no one better to lead us. Her love of Fontbonne and the FCC and her passion for our Mission are unequalled. I know you will join me in giving her the same support you have given me. Together we will reach that 100 member milestone we all so desire and in doing so will continue to promote Fontbonne University and to assist its faculty, staff and students in advancing their educational goals and dreams.

Karen

Karen Gedera, Chair, Fontbonne Community Connection

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Newest Members...

We welcome our newest members...



— **Michelle Ridlen**

— **Lauren Sauer**