

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

April 13, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held on Town Zoom

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending: Randa Trivisonno, Ive Covaci, Kathie Bennewitz, Anne Boberski, Barbara Wang, Amanda Castellano, Leonor Dao Turut, Patti Boutillier, Jennifer Fridland, Jilda Manikas, Harris Falk

1. Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting March 9, 2022.

- Introduced New Member Jilda Manikas: her bio is headed for approval at First Selectwoman's office

2. Collection Update:

- Inventory and CT Collections: Still working through the inventory detailing and documenting leading to continued cleanup of entries.
- Subcommittee for Accessions:
 - Met April 12th and reviewed policies and examined works in pipeline
 - Examined new piece donated by new member Jilda Manikas: "Gossip" by Elisabeth Catlett. Town Curator has recommended the piece to the Town Collection for Diversity Initiative. This will move to the Board of Selectmen for approval at their meeting April 27th.

3. Education Update:

- Learning Galleries -recap of galleries at each school and upcoming movements:
 - SHS: Color and Collage (new)
 - LLS: Still Lives
 - CES: Abstraction
 - GFS: Matisse and His Inspiration
 - SES: (empty for student art show)
 - KHS: Landscapes
 - CMS: Sugarman Mississippi 1964
 - BMS: Persuasive Prints; POP! (new)
 - CHANGES AHEAD:
 - 4/25 MOVE: Pop! From BMS to SES: need volunteers
 - SHS: Color and Collage comes down; Addario photographs move from Library to SHS. will ask for volunteers when ready to move.
- Education Subcommittee - Ive, Paula, Stephanie, and Patti
 - Created tracking calendar for rotating galleries
 - Labels and overview panels
 - Create working sets for future installations

- Welcome more people to join! Email Ive at icovaci@gmail.com

4. Friends of WestPAC update (per Scott Bennewitz):

- Continuing to work through budget
- No school art calendar this year due to low sales volume - in-person Back to School nights are critical to sales. Hope to return to this next year.

5. Special Projects Update:

- Senior Center Gallery: Discussion of temporary exhibition space in the cafeteria. For May AAPI month, goal of Japanese prints from the Collection to debut in this space. (social media posts will be helpful).

6. Representative Site Reports:

- Town Hall: 3rd floor redevelopment continues - hoping to have SHS interns to help out with this massive undertaking.
- Spring To Do list for all sites prior to end of the school year/summer break reviewed.
 - After break Barbara/Ive will send out a reminder check list for all Site Representatives.
 - After break an email will be sent around to all Representatives of pdfs of art that needs new photos made or dimensions reconfirmed for CT Collections update. Will also include MISSING items to be looked for at all sites.

7. Additional Business:

- Celebrate Westport - Reese unable to join tonight's meeting.
- Other Concerns: Recommended viewing
 - Lynsey Addario prints at the Westport Library that closes in June
 - Charles Joyner at the Shepherd Gallery closes in June

8. Next Meeting : Wednesday May 11, 2022 at 7pm. This meeting will be Virtual. Additionally it has been recommended that we do an in-person Spring Gathering - details will be forthcoming!