

WestPAC Meeting Minutes

Submitted by Anne Boberski, internship chair

Meeting: Wednesday December 14, 2022 at 7pm

Westport Public Library, McCall Room #216

In-person attending: Anne Boberski, Patti Boutillier, Ive Covaci, Harris Falk, Jilda Manikas, Randa Trivisonno

Zoom attending: Paula Argosh, Carla Devillers

1. Minutes from last meeting, November 9 approved.

2. Committee Updates

Social media strategy - discussion and planning

- Social media is one part of WestPAC communications strategy.
- WestPAC communications should demonstrate clear and consistent communication across platforms, including WAAC website, WPS website, Friends of WestPAC communications, WestPAC instagram.
- WestPAC communications should demonstrate:
Who we are: committee of town-appointed volunteers
What we do: steward Westport's public art collections, ensure proper storage, preservation, use and display of original works of art in public buildings and schools.
Communications should: highlight specific objects and artists represented in the collections, showcase learning gallery rotations, promote special exhibitions at MoCA and Westport Library, publicize education-related programs, and identify the value of public art collections within the SHS internship program.
Communications should aim to build donor relations through Friends of WestPAC, publicize grants and use of funds for storage, preservation, use, and display, including fees associated with conservation, framing, storage, facilities, database, and publications.
- Questions:
Who will update WestPAC message on WAAC website, WPS website, Friends of WestPAC? Jilda Manikas offered to take the lead on WestPAC instagram posting.
Rachel Cohn offered to meet in January 2023 to provide instagram posting assistance.

3. Collection Update

Discussion of proposed new accessions

- List of proposed new accessions was approved for recommendation to WAAC.
Committee requested additional consideration for accession for 1 work:
Estelle Thompson Margolis, Girl, T.ANA2019.37

4. Special Projects

Ive will coordinate delivery of works to MoCA through sign-up genius.

5. Site Reports given for recent installations at KHS / GFS / CES / Town Hall.

6. Education Update

Education Chair will send email reminder that elementary school site reps should please contact PTA Art Smart chair to introduce WestPAC artworks on view, where to find the collections database, and provide assistance with any additional works or information.

7. No additional news from the Friends of WestPAC.

8. Additional Business

- No additional news from Celebrate Westport.
- WestPAC Committee members should please attend:
Paul Camacho: El Ritmo y la Unidad
On view at MoCA Westport, January 13-February 26, 2023,
<https://mocawestport.org/exhibitions/upcoming-exhibitions/>
Opening reception, 5:00pm, Thursday, January 12, 2023
Cocktails and conversation, 5:00pm, Thursdays through February 26, 2023

Musical Notes

On view at Westport Library, December 7, 2022-February 28, 2023,
<https://westportlibrary.org/event/musical-notes-selections-from-the-westport-public-art-collections/>
Reception with SHS Jazz Combo, TIME?, Tuesday, January 31, 2023

- WestPAC approved gift of the giclee print, Hardie Gramatky, Turkey Hill, Westport, T.ANA. 2017.5 (not an accessioned work) to Sue Pfister, upon her retirement as WCSA Director.

9. Next Meeting: WestPAC agreed to cancel the next meeting, originally set for 7:00pm, Wednesday, January 11. The next meeting will be at 7:00pm, Wednesday, February 8. WestPAC did not further revise meeting day/times for 2023. WestPAC will need to submit 2023 meeting day/times to the Town in January 2023.