

## Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

May 10, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at The Westport Library, room 210

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Kathie Bennewitz, Patti Boutilier, Scott Springer, Jilda Manikas, Eve Potts, Marion Morra, Kelcey Hix, Barbara Wang,

Attending over zoom: Leonor Dao Turut, Stephanie Klose, Carla Devillers

### 1. Committee Updates

- Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting April 19, 2023.
- Reappointment Planning- 2 year renewal
  - All bios updated and moving forward to WAAC
  - New Positions: Anne Boberski will be Co-Chair with Ive Covaci
    - Looking for Art Smart Representatives
      - Barbara will send out an email asking for volunteer(s)
- SHS Internship planning
  - Our Staples intern is Oliver Saitz, starting 5/15, WCSA will be his base.
  - Anne will send out request for Member help for various activities
    - Oliver will be cataloging political cartoons M-W
    - Oliver will be helping with site inventories Th- F
    - June 7 11-12pm Anne and Oliver will give presentation at WCSA on Westport and its cartoon connections. Please email Anne to RSVP. Great to have committee support!

### 2. Collection Update:

- Inventory Project
  - LLS is finished, all other sites scheduled
  - Inventory kits with checklists, stickers, and sharpies will be dropped off before your scheduled date
  - Late June - early July will be Storage Room Inventory
    - An email will be sent out looking for 8-10 volunteers
- New Connecticut Collections Public Portal launched and is much improved & user friendly
  - Will do marketing push in the Fall to get everyone aware
  - A link will be emailed out
  - Some cleanup work to be done over the summer - contact Ive if can help

- Proposed New Accessions

- Works offered by 5 donors were reviewed and presented to the committee
  - Mary Brewster (Howard Munce's daughter) [Howard Munce pieces]; Larry Weisman [Tracy Sugarman pieces]; Nina Bentley [Nina Bentley photograph]; Jeff Mayer & Nancy Diamond [Phil Reisman etchings]; Alex Bobec [Brooke Waring painting]

### 3. Special Projects:

- Public Sculpture Update: Further research on possible artists and works is ongoing for the 2 Town committees that focus on this
- Exhibitions & Loans
  - Memorial Day Downtown Weekend Art Fair: for consideration next year
  - Fairfield U: June 6th at 5pm Women of the Westport Public Art Collections presentation by Ive Covaci and Kathie Bennewitz.
    - Email will be sent out to boost attendance and awareness
    - To register:  
(<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lecture-women-of-the-westport-public-art-collections-tickets-566758529017>)
  - BMS-CMS: Summer call for large Art - will discuss further in June
  - WPL: "Showtime" exhibit in October
  - Weston Historical and Culture Center loan is going forward
    - Email will be sent out for assistance coordinating the consolidation of pieces and delivery for June 5

### 4. Site Reports

- CES request for more Rail systems and a work order will be put in for that
- Town Hall
  - Curating art for specific offices
  - Richard Hunt pieces will be coming down and available to be relocated

### 5. Friends of WestPAC update: June

### 6. Additional Announcements:

- Celebrate Westport - Jilda's report:
  - Several people/groups at the Meeting requested art from WestPAC and there will be further discussions and site visits about possibilities
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- Requests to SEE WestPAC art
  - Thoughts for public tours, for example Staples High School
- Blau House request for images
  - Suggestion that they check the CT Collections Portal
- Member Announcements
  - Member Leonor Dao Turut: exhibit of her works at Gordon Fine Arts Gallery through May 14th
  - Gali Katz announcement that Ann Chernow will be speaking May 16th 12:30pm at the Center for Contemporary Printmaking
    - An email will be sent out with an RSVP link

7. Next Meeting : Wednesday June 14th at 7pm. Room 210 at WPL.