

Westport Arts Advisory Committee

Tuesday, October 10, 2023, at 12noon, Town Hall room 201

Present: Nancy Diamond, Shobana Mani, David Rosenwaks, Elizabeth Strick, Dina Upton, Ive Covaci [WestPAC]

Unable to attend: Kathie Bennewitz, Miggs Burroughs, Eric Chiang, Richard Epstein, Lee Goldstein, Jessica Noyes, Charles Rosoff, Britt Steel.

Co-chair Nancy Diamond opened the meeting at 12:15pm

Social Media Update, October 25, 2023

The Let's Connect social media workshop is to be held at the Westport Playhouse Barn on October 25th. Workshop leader is Ashley Hyde, the Westport Library Social Media and Web Associate. Lunch from 11:30, workshop 12 – 1:30pm. Few RSVPs have so far been received

Sculpture update - Dina and Nancy

Nancy reported that sculpture on loan from an artist does not need approval by the various boards in Town, according to Mary Young at P & Z..

Dina will meet with Carole Eisner to show her the location at Stroffolino Park chosen for her sculpture and will arrange to meet with Nikki Ketchman at Pasacreta Park to select placement of her sculpture. It will need two supporting rods to be placed in the ground. Installation fees need to be determined and raised, along with approval from Parks and Rec and the First Selectwoman, Jen Tooker. A loan agreement has been sent to both artists to review.

TEA Talk: "AI" - November 5, 2023, 2pm Westport Library.

Lawn signs need to be created and placed. Posting of event on social media still to be done. Miggs working on the program, photos still needed for montage. Nancy will send a press release to the library for their calendar and other news outlets, including WestPAC .

Program outline:

- On large screen, an "AI" of Jen Tooker [to be confirmed] welcoming all to the event and introduces guest speaker Alan Turing.
- Nancy to give a brief introduction of panelists, they are; Arts Educator:
- Steve Zimmerman, Visual arts curator: Liz Leggett, and composer Brian Keane.
- Shobana along with guest speaker will ask questions of the panel.
- Video on screen of artists using "AI".
- Questions from the audience
- Close with a poem by Jessica Noyes

Elizabeth will arrange for a bag lunch from 12:30 – 1:30 for WAAC and guests.

After reception; Cold drinks and cookies will be arranged by Kathie

Meeting adjourned at 1:05pm

Respectfully submitted.

Elizabeth Strick, Secretary Westport Arts Advisory Committee