

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

April 10, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Public meeting held at Westport Library, McCall room 216

Minutes submitted by Barbara Wang

Attending in person: Ive Covaci, Anne Boberski, Patti Boutilier, Amanda Castellano, Reese Green, Barbara Wang

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting March 13, 2024.

1. Committee Updates.

- SHS Internship Program - 5 weeks long, begins Mid-May.
 - Waiting for confirmation from SHS that we have 1 or 2 interns
- Art Smart
 - Committee urgently needs to update WPS website and links to Collections database
 - Amanda also reports that the AS leads would like to start the process earlier. A training video on searching the collection would be helpful.
 - Saugatuck Elementary classes recently used a Wilmott painting of Compo Beach

2. Collection Update

- Storage
 - New accessions in Storage 2 at SHS need cataloging: stickers, measurements, photography. Spring Break is a good quiet time to do this. Barbara/Ive will send an email coordinating a time for people to volunteer.
 - Storage 1 is full. Ive will coordinate an email for ease of committee “shopping” with pictures of works to hopefully get hung at sites.
- Education
 - Ive will work on a training video for teachers on using the public collection site
 - KHS: have requested new learning gallery for Fall with Westport scenes/local artists
 - SES: have requested new learning gallery for Fall with landscapes; they also have requested to have back the Camacho painting “Plowshare.” Possible to include some other Camacho works to complement the large piece.
 - GFS: Need a new learning gallery replacement for Musical Notes.

3. Special Projects

- Pasacreta Park Public Art - the installation of Niki Ketchman's sculpture "Passage" (5-year loan) is set for April 18th; WAAC will do the unveiling at a reception on May 4th at 4pm.
- Cartoon Exhibition: Sept 12- Dec 10th at Westport Library Sheffer Gallery, curated by Brian Walker. Our intern will help with spring preparation; also planning a spring meeting with Staples English and Art faculty to discuss student involvement. Reese indicated she would be able to help out.

4. Site Reports

- Reminder that May/June reconfirm Site assignments for Fall
- Reminder that May/June end of year walkthroughs are important as well as talking to schools about anticipated summer work projects that may impact art

5. Friends of WestPAC

- Reminder of date June 6th, 7-9pm
- Reviewed invitation and plans for the event; discussed ticket price point (\$90 agreed upon).
- Email will be sent out with specific needs for the event for Committee members to sign up and help out

6. Member Announcements

- Westport Library - new documentary on Ann Chernow will be screened on Sunday April 14th 3pm, with panel discussion - registration required.

7. Next Meeting: May 8, 2024 WL McCall Room #216 7pm