

Westport Public Art Collections (WestPAC)

May 8, 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, Reese Anderson, Tatyana Hixon, Jilda Manikas, Marion Morra, Eve Potts, Randa Trivisonno, Emily Ziegler

Attending on zoom: Isobel Grodd

Approved Minutes from Previous Meeting April 10, 2024.

1. Committee Updates.

- SHS Internship Program - for 2024 WestPAC was not assigned a Staples intern
- Art Smart
 - Site reps encouraged to be present during / after Museum Night and to remind ArtSmart volunteers that WestPAC collections hang throughout the schools.

2. Collection Update - none at this time

3. Special Projects

- Brian Walker, son of Mort Walker, originator for popular comic strips, Beetle Bailey and Hi and Lois is curating the exhibition, Cartoon County: The Golden Age of Cartooning in Connecticut, September 12 – December 10, 2024, Sheffer Gallery and North Wall, Westport Library. The exhibition will feature many artworks from WestPAC cartoon collection and additional works from contemporary graphic artists.
- Sculpture, Passage, by Niki Ketchman, opened to public on May 4 in Pasacreta Park, Riverside Avenue. A poem by Jessica Noyes McEntee, Westport Poet Laureate, 2022-24, accompanies the sculpture. Ive Covaci notified building principals and art teachers at Saugatuck Elementary School and Kings Highway Elementary School, that they might bring classes to view and engage with the sculpture in upcoming lessons.

4. Site Reports

- All sites must conduct annual inventory prior to end of school year. Ive and Anne will contact site reps during week of May 20 with materials for inventory.
- WCSA – planning underway for reinstallation of hallway where cartoon collections are currently displayed.

5. Friends of WestPAC

- Friends of WestPAC cordially invites you to:
 - Art in Bloom, a cocktail party and silent art auction, Thursday, June 6, 7-9pm, Westport Woman's Club. Tickets \$90, Sponsorships available. Purchase your tickets here!
 - Additional ways to support the event:
 - Invite friends, family, and neighbors to join us at the event!
 - Invite businesses or individuals to become sponsors! Anne or Ive will provide sponsor letter. Please contact Anne or Ive if you are interested in reaching out to business sponsors.
 - Assist with Art Sales – Research; Art Sales – Setup; Flowers and Event – Setup; or Sponsors
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080F49ACAF2AA02-49569007-friends>

6. Member Announcements - none at this time

7. Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 12, 2024 WL McCall Room #210 7pm