

**WESTPORT ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
WESTPORT TOWN HALL, ROOM 309
JUNE 28, 2016**

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN CHANGED FROM JULY 12, TO JULY 19 AT 12 NOON. TOWN HALL ROOM 309

Present; Co-chairs Nancy Diamond and Richard Epstein, Kathie Bennewitz, Frederic Chiu, Elise Russi, Carole Schweid and Elizabeth Strick.

Absent: Miggs Burroughs, Ann Chernow, Eric Chiang, Sandy Lefkowitz, Deirdre Price, Katherine Ross and Ann Sheffer.

Guests: Andrew and Richard, Boy Scout troop 100, fulfilling their citizenship badge and Kelle Ruden,

Kathie reported that the Town Art Collection and the Westport Schools Art Collection have been combined to form the “Westport Public Art Collection” WestPACK” and is awaiting approval from Eliot Landon and the 1st Selectman by July 30, 2016

A school calendar fundraiser for the collection is to be produced and will include student art. The calendar will run from September 2016 to August 2017. Mailing labels and bulk mail has been contributed. Sponsors for printing the calendar are being sought. In the past 750 were printed and 200 donated. Each calendar will cost \$20 and will be sold over the summer.

TEA Talk

“Portrait of the Artist: Earnings vs Yearnings” will be the title of the October TEA Talk. Speakers at the event will explore how artists have shaped their lives to accommodate the challenges and rewards that face them in their careers today.

Confirmed:

Music, Frederic Chiu in conversation with Ryan Lester
Travel expenses will be provided for Ryan.

Awaiting confirmation:

Kelle will contact Laura Weisberger, author of The Devil Wears Prada to see if she would be interested in being a part of TEA Talk.

Theater, Richard will reach out to James Naughton and Justin Paul who have already been contacted to see if they would like to commit.

Visual Arts, Miggs to report at next meeting.

Kathie will check with Historical about the reception. The exhibit at the Historical in October will be the history of Max's Art supply and the artists that shopped there.

Event Format: not finalized at this time.

Welcome, Nancy or Richard

1st Selectman

Introduce guest speaker

Speaker to give a 10-minute overview of the history of artists in Westport.

Suggested speaker, Stephanie Plunkett, Deputy Director/chief Curator at the Norman Rockwell Museum. Kathy will speak with her.

Music: Frederic and Ryan

Theater: not confirmed

Writing: “ “

Visual Arts: “ “

Nancy or Richard. Thank you and invitation to reception at Historical Society.

Also part of the program, possible presentation of the Horizon Award

Clips from “Years in the Making

Publicity:

Elise will start to send out calendar listing for TEA Talk.

Kelly will share her press list with Elise.

Kathie and Kelle announced an event on the Disney animators to be held at the Library.

Kathie will introduce the event, which will give her an opportunity to promote TEA Talk which takes place the following weekend.

CHANGE OF MEETING DATE:

**PLEASE NOTE, OUR NEXT MEETING WILL NOW TAKE PLACE ON,
TUESDAY, JULY 19 AT 12 NOON, ROOM 309**

Elizabeth Strick

Secretary