

Hastings Village Arts Commission

Minutes for the Hastings Village Arts Commission Monthly Meeting
Monday, November 20, 2023

Attending:

Bruce Levy, Chair; Dan Markham, Sal Schiciano @ Village Hall
Nancy DeNatale, Chloe Sikirica, Susan Soriano, and Mary Strother (Zoom).

Bruce called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm.

Current Programs and Events

I. Village Hall Gallery Update - 2023 to 2024

November 2023 - January 2024

The **Madge Scott Exhibition** was hung on Thursday 11/16.

Her opening 11/19 (3-6pm) was a huge success! Well attended!

Five paintings were sold, two were put on hold.

We will continue to promote the exhibition.

New idea: We discussed producing a “Meet the Artist” or intimate talk with Madge at the Library after January 1.

Should we also have a closing reception? Susan to pursue.

Will check with the library about potential scheduling, and consider the Farmers’ Market schedule.

Exhibition will run through the end of January 30, 2024.

February 2024

The Commission has decided to produce an “internal” ***Members Only: Past & Present*** Exhibition for the period between the end of Madge’s exhibit and the beginning of Lindsey Dupont’s exhibition (March - May 2024).

Bruce, Kit, and Chloe to contribute work for display. Susan will ask former Commissioners Lisa Oswald and Jane Cameron if they might be interested in participating.

All work on display will be NFS.

Hang date TBD (after Madge’s show comes down).

Early or Mid-March to Mid-May 2024

On track.

Lindsey Dupont Exhibition confirmed.

Chloe/Mary, project managers.

Hang date, reception, strike date TBD.

Mid-May - June 2024

On track.

River Arts Student Exhibition

Note that this is separate from the Clark project, listed below

Kit, project manager

Hang the week after Memorial Day

On view through mid-June

Strike dates TBD

June/July/August 2024

On track.

Student Exhibition related to Clark Project.

Partnering with Hastings Schools and the Clark Academy in Dobbs Ferry.

Dan Markham, Kit, project managers.

Dan Markham delivered a status report. Proposed mural to be executed by Clark Academy students.

September to October 2024

On track.

Open Call Arts Commission/Hastings Historical Society/Clark Multi-Artist Exhibition

Working title is **People, Race and Power: Part of the Mamie and Kenneth Clark Project**. The exhibition title is a take on the book, “Children, Race, and Power” about the Clarks’

Northside Center in Harlem, NY.

Daniel Belasco. and Susan will meet before December 19 to draft the production timeline for the open call, then reconvene with the other HVAC project members — Dan Markham, Mary, Bruce — on next steps, assigned roles, coordination with Historical Society and other partners.

II. New Program Planning

Mamie and Kenneth Clark Project: People, Race and Power (September - October 2024). See above. Subcommittee will meet to discuss next steps and the production schedule.

Women’s Studio Exhibition with the working title, “Memories,” including artwork by Catrin Perih, Kristin Javier, Jamie MacKenzie, and Pei Lin Kuo. Susan will offer the open November/December 2024 slot to this group of artists.

Floral Exhibition (TBD, 2025?) Susan and Bruce presented this exhibit idea for 2025 after scouting the RiverArts Studio Tour. Artists seen whose work could be considered might be

Jen Moore Smith, Raine Gifford, and Nora Galland. Nancy suggested Susan Richman's work. Susan and Bruce will flesh out this idea after the New Year.

Graffiti of Voices discussed as an event idea, possibly including Kristin Prevallet, Ann van Buren, Steve Zeitlin, with The Good Witch Cafe proposed as a venue. To be researched.

Rotating Outdoor Sculpture Exhibitions (ROSE)

Per last month's notes, Sal, our newest Commissioner will lead the re-visioning and execution of this program.

III. Administrative

Bruce Levy was re-elected as Chairperson.

Nancy DeNatale was confirmed as Secretary.

Village Hall Gallery Lighting Issues:

Status quo.

Bruce will meet with Anthony to discuss funding for light fixture replacements.

Reimbursements:

Status quo.

Bruce will discuss this with Anthony.

The December 2023 Arts Commission meeting will be a combination meeting and annual holiday celebration. To be scheduled on or around Monday, December 18 with a virtual access option for those who cannot attend in person.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy DeNatale & Susan Soriano