



**Burlington City Arts
Exhibitions Advisory Committee**

Tuesday Dec 7, 2021 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Held via Zoom

Committee Members Present: Carolyn Bauer, Mildred Beltré, Brian Collier, Lisa Lillibridge, Barbara Perry, Sarah Rogers, Milton Rosa-Ortiz
Staff: Heather Ferrell, Colin Storrs

Meeting Minutes

- 1) Exhibition Committee Chair Discussion
 - i. Barbara Perry was nominated and seconded to be the BCA Exhibition Advisory Committee Chairperson
- 2) Update on current BCA exhibitions *Unbound* and *Bradley Borthwick: Objects of Empire*
 - a. Fall Exhibition Attendance (to date): 1,347
 - b. All four artists in Fall 2021 exhibits received fiscal support to create new work (approx.. \$12,000)
 - c. *Unbound* promo video – discussion of creation and application and how videos can be used afterward in support of artists’ work
 - d. Discussion about Gallery related video content and where the public can access it effectively – suggestion to add Artist Interviews tab/section to website.
- 3) Discussion and Review of upcoming Spring 2022 BCA Exhibitions
 - a. *What Still Remains: Sarah Trad* and *Eric Aho: Headwater*
 - b. Due to current Covid forecast, BCA will delay artist reception until the end of Exhibition – late May or early June TBD.
 - c. Discussion of exhibition programming and how to effectively offer in pandemic environment – emphasis continues on virtual programs; suggestion to move time from 2 to 6:00pm, better audience numbers. Discussion of potential partnerships for programs, including Sarah Trad at Middlebury College as a possibility.
- 4) Diane Gabriel Visual Artist Award
 - a. Emerging artist guideline discussion – Committee requested more definitive and explicit guidelines for how BCA defines an emerging artist – consider factors such as years active or amount of solo exhibitions. This will help applicants ‘self-select’ and guide selection committee. BCA will revise emerging artist description/guidelines for the committee to review before Jan 2022 application launch.
 - b. Outreach Advisory Committee discussion – IN addition to Advisory Committee support and outreach, Committee tasked to suggest individual candidates that can extend awareness of the award to communities that BCA may not be reaching effectively.



- i. Committee offered suggestions and ideas for organization and people to be considered. BCA will share content for them to outreach further in Jan 2022.
 - c. Recommendation to create an alternative for applicants that don't have internet access (e.g. language to contact BCA, help complete online application.)
- 5) Updates on upcoming exhibits/programming
 - a. Summer 2022 – Still Life themed exhibition focusing on contemporary artists pushing boundaries of traditional genre. Committee offered marketing ideas for potential summer exhibition as well as other institution to help with research – Cove Art Gallery and Dowling Walsh in Maine
- 6) Discussed next new meeting schedules and adjournment
 - a. Need to move the day from Tuesday 2pm to another day of the week, likely Wednesdays.
 - b. Next Meeting scheduled for 2.2.22, will be rescheduled for that week.