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National Art Education Foundation News and Updates

As part of the NAEA Virtual Convention, the National Art Education Foundation (NAEF) celebrated its 10th Annual Fundraising Benefit Event on Saturday, March 6.

This year's featured speaker, Chicago-area art educator and teaching artist William Estrada, presented what he called "A Love Letter to Art Teachers" during his program titled "Finding Our Brave Space." A highlight of the event was being able to see others in attendance, even though the meeting was virtual.

We would like to thank those who purchased tickets to the 10th Annual NAEF Fundraising Benefit Event for supporting NAEF and celebrating this online event.

A very special donation by D. Jack and Gail C. Davis of artwork done by Mary McMullan was announced and shared during this event. Once framed, it will hang at the NAEA Studio & Gallery.

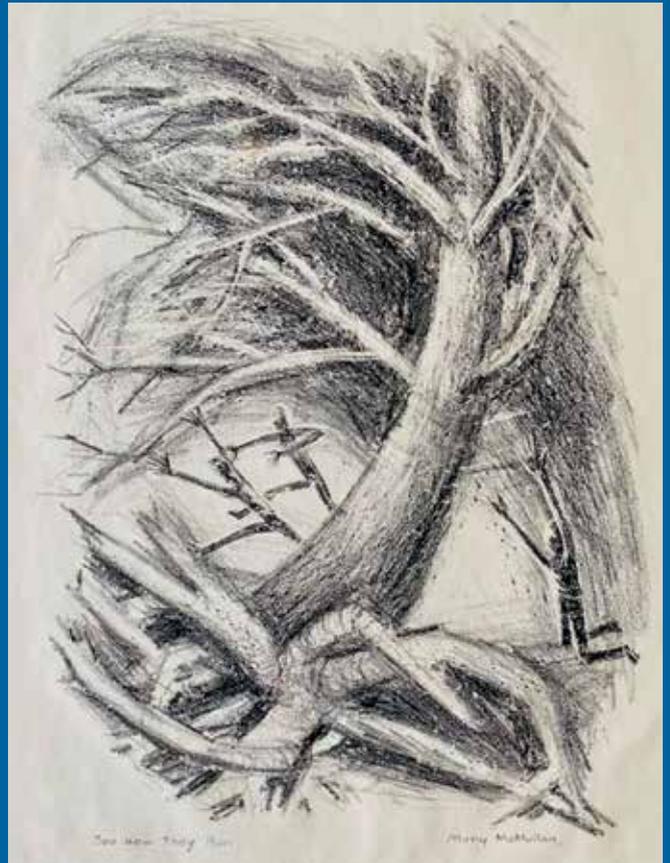
NAEF convened the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees virtually in the spring. Action was taken on the NAEF Grantees for 2021–2022 (see list of grantees on p. 7 of this issue), funding for NAEA Initiatives, and support for NAEA Initiatives. A hallmark of this year's work was to shift the NAEF Grants Submission and Review Process to an online e-submission and e-review process.

The Trustees wish to acknowledge all who participated by submitting proposals in this challenging year. The online process worked extremely well and will be continued with the next grant cycle.

"The e-submission and e-review process enabled NAEF to streamline the work for both applicants and the NAEF Trustees, who each review a set of grant applications in the Foundation's five grant categories. Reducing the submission to an online format has eliminated the need for making multiple copies and shipping grants to the NAEF office and to reviewers," said Kathi R. Levin, NAEF Program/Development Officer. Levin manages the Grant program and works with both applicants and reviewers to complete the grants process each year.

Several NAEF Board members, including Samantha Melvin, Cris Guenther, and Frank Juarez, are also working on launching an online auction early this summer of the works of artist Shepard Fairey that were donated for NAEF to auction by artist, printer, and Fairey's first assistant, Nicholas Bowers, when he presented the NAEF event in 2018.

Look for additional information about the auction on the NAEF area of the NAEA website. ■



Top: Mary McMullan lithograph. Bottom: William Estrada.