

Tacoma Chapter of the Links Art Facet Co-Chair Meeting; August 2, 2016. 4:30 - 6PM.

The home of Frances Davis

In Attendance:

Chair –Frances Davis

Co-Chair – Adrienne Allen

Classics Through the Ages (CTA) Master Artist – Robert McLendon.

COLLABORATING WITH PORTLAND, OR. ARTS Facet.

Frances Davis reported out on the August 20, 2016, Portland, OR. presentation conducted by herself and Link Alyce McNeil. In an effort to collaborate with our Sister Links in Portland, OR. Frances Davis and Alyce McNeil presented Tacoma's CTA program and our partnership with the Tacoma Art Museum (TAM). Frances offered to have Tacoma's CTA student provide instruction to the Portland underserved youth population if Portland could replicate.

We asked that the Portland chapter join Tacoma and become a Program Sponsor with TAM at the \$500 level. In the spirit of sisterly collaboration, six tickets were provided by Link Alyce to the September 24, 2016, museum exhibition opening of the Rubell Family's 30 Americans collection****. Portland has agreed to become a Program Sponsor, and will have a delegation attend the "red carpet" kickoff on September 24th, 2016 at 5PM.

Tacoma will submit an endorsement letter of 30 Americans and become a Program Sponsor during the first week of September, 2016. The Tacoma Chapter of the Links, Inc. will send a delegation to the September 24, (5:00PM) “red carpet” kick off.

****“The critically acclaimed exhibition *30 Americans* will make its West Coast debut at Tacoma Art Museum. *30 Americans* showcases an influential group of prominent African American artists who have emerged as leading contributors to the contemporary art scene in the U.S and beyond. The exhibition covers important topics in contemporary America including race, history, and gender. This exhibition will feature more than 50 works of paintings, sculptures, installations, photographs and videos from artists including, Jean-Michel Basquiat, Nick Cave, Robert Colescott, Glenn Ligon, , Kara Walker, Carrie Mae Weems, and Kehinde Wiley Kerry James Marshall, Wangechi Mutu, Lorna Simpson, Mickalene Thomas.”

In March, TAM issued an open call inviting our community to participate in an advisory committee for this exhibition. The *30 Americans* Community Advisory Committee is a diverse group that have committed to being thoughtful partners in identifying themes that resonate with our community, program ideas, potential partners, and promoting the exhibition to the widest possible audience.

Yours Truly, Art Facet Chair Frances Davis, and our CTA Student LaChelle McKinney (the advisory committees only youth member) continue to serve on the advisory committee.

We strongly encourage all members of the Tacoma Links, Inc. financially support TAM and visit the 30 Americans exhibition.

This is a monumental and impactful artistic experience that is not to be missed!

***30 Americans* is endorsed by**

- NAACP – Tacoma Branch
- NAACP – Seattle King County
- Northwest African-American Museum
- The Black Collective – Tacoma and Pierce County
- Tacoma Urban League
- Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc Tacoma Alumnae Chapter
- Tacoma (WA) Chapter of The Links Incorporated

CHAPTER UMBRELLA PROGRAM – MENTAL HEALTH

Adrienne Allen reported out that during the August 20, 2016, retreat The Tacoma Links elected the following umbrella program: Mental Health.

Chapter umbrella program reviewed. We will recommend to the Art Facet that for the program year 2016-2017 the Art Facet program be : Connecting with local community mental health agencies to provide opportunities for displaying art of the mentally ill.

The committee will meet in September and identify a youth mental health program to partner with our CTA program. Our goal is to have the CTA student instruct art classes to this underserved and often misunderstood population.

Continuity of CTA programing and mental health, will be the targeted desired outcome.

Frances Davis

Chair of the Arts