

Fact Sheet For the Selection of the Artist to Design the Sculpture of Jane Addams

California State University, Fresno seeks an artist who can design a representational bronze sculpture of Jane Addams as the first woman to be added to the campus Peace Garden. The artist may consider incorporating the names of the other 24 nominees in the design.

Background information

Fresno State is the only university in the country with a Peace Garden that commemorates individuals who have dedicated their lives to peace. Included in the garden are three bronze sculptures of: Mahatma Gandhi, Cesar Chavez, and Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The fourth addition will be Jane Addams. Well known for her community work serving the poor at Hull House in Chicago, she was an exemplar of community service. In 1910 she received the first honorary degree ever awarded to a woman by Yale. She was the founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. In 1931 Ms. Addams became the first American woman to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. She dedicated her life to efforts that supported her belief that "civilization is a method of living and an attitude of equal respect for all people."

More information about Jane Addams and the other 24 women nominated by campus and community members is available at: <http://www.csufresno.edu/peacegarden/>

More complete biographical information is available at the web site of the college she attended: <http://www.rockford.edu/about/janeaddams.aspx>

And photographs of her from childhood through adulthood are available at: <http://www.swarthmore.edu/Library/peace/Exhibits/jane.addams/addams.htm>

Location

The Peace Garden is defined by the library to the south (scheduled for rebuilding in the future), a two-story classroom building to the north, the free speech area to the east and an open grass area to the west beyond which is the South Gym. In the center of the garden is a circle with three spaces for representations of leaders of peace. Gandhi's bust is on the western point (facing east); Martin Luther King Jr's full body sculpture is on the northern point facing south directly across from Jane Addams who will be on the southern point. Cesar Chavez is some distance to the east in the lawn beyond the circle.

The size of the sculpture pad is 330 square feet (approximately 18 feet wide by 20 feet deep). A drawing of the garden with the site indicated is available upon request.

How to submit a proposal

The Steering Committee has decided to solicit designs from Fresno State students, faculty, or alumni first. Artists who meet this criteria should submit a maquette and/or sketches in addition to slides of other work by June 1, 2004, to the following address:

Dr. Jeannine Raymond
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The timeline for this project is to install the sculpture by Fall 2005. Questions should be directed to Dr. Raymond at 559-278-2364.