With Americans anxious to go out, walking tours are picking up pace

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WESTERLY — The three people standing in front of the large, round, oil painting hanging on the bright, yellow wall inside the Hope Recovery Center of Washington County were all in agreement.

The painting, “Coleus Rondo,” by Providence artist Janet Alling — featuring six enormous green, yellow and red leaves upon a baby-blue background — was an eye-catcher.

“I don’t know much about art,” said Donna Sennett, Hope Recovery Community Center’s parent support network of RI, who was the executive director for the organization.

“If you haven’t seen this,” Sennett said, “you don’t know what you’re missing.”

The painting was one of the more than 160 pieces of artwork on display at the Hope Recovery Community Center in Merchant Square.

School of Design and a friend of Chandler’s, brought the idea for a sister organization in Rhode Island when she moved to the state.

“The idea behind Art Connection is still simple,” Malley said. “Making art accessible to everyone lends power to inspire, challenge, build, communicate, and transform.”

“Making and experiencing art is an essential element of the human experience,” Art Connection states on its website, “regardless of socio-economic circumstances.”

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Candidates for School Committee make cases at forum

Controlling costs, upping the facilities are hot topics

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This process heightens the spaces of selected nonprofits, Malley said, thus creating a sense of place and the presence of life painted by donors around the Rhode Island area.

"The process is simple, and the end result will manifest your presence and potential with beautiful original art," reads a post on the Art Connection website.

Interested nonprofits are invited to submit an "Application to Receive Art" from the organization's website. The goal is to create a site visit and a selection visit. From there, a gallery committee consisting of six to 12 art experts, board members, clients and volunteers who collectively make decisions on pieces that are best for the space.

"We have our members help choose," said Bennett, who facilitates groups for women, membership groups and peer support services for people struggling with substance abuse disorders and mental health issues. "It's good to get everyone involved...this is their center, after all.

Inside the Merchant Square-based nonprofit, six women were present who had patronized the facility with Sennent and Fry, now planning to admire and comment.

"It's been a long road," Sennent said as she stood near a vibrant oil painting of Marie Murphy, Paraeducator of the Year, named during a surprise visit to the school.

"He said the results should reflect that," said Sennent as he stepped back to view the art. "We do a lot more, the staff and the administration need with quick results."

Additional spending reductions, if necessary, that are equitable across the board of the school district. The district may also have to ask employee unions for contract concessions on pay or health care benefits, he said.

Some of the donor's crew from the 7/17/2020 memorial in the town, said Chiaradio Bowdy. "We're in the last phase of this project, and in the coming years, the project may be a requirement for graduation from Westerly High School."

The process for schools in other towns should be examined to determine whether similar steps need to be taken, he said. "It's good to get everyone involved...this is their center, after all.