

A decorative border made of torn watercolor paper in shades of teal, orange, and light green surrounds the central text.

MARY FULLER
MCCHESNEY
ACQUISITION

& TRADE CONSIDERATIONS

Mary Fuller McChesney

Sculptor, author, and art historian Mary Fuller McChesney, who lived and worked in the Petaluma area for several decades, passed away on May 4, 2022. In Petaluma. McChesney's legacy as a renowned, local, female artist of the mid-century continues in her sculptures. McChesney's friends, neighbors, and estate managers describe the artist's wishes for her works to be displayed for public enjoyment within Petaluma.. Since October 2022, the PPAC has worked with City staff and estate managers to work towards acquiring selected works from the McChesney estate. In 2023, PPAC and staff selected 14 works of bronze and vermiculite for purchase to represent McChesney's work for the enjoyment of our community. Following the City Council's approval, the works were purchased from estate manager Dennis Calabi of the Calabi Gallery facilitated the sale on 9/5/2023.





For Consideration

The subcommittee visited the Astro Motel to meet conservator Spring Maxfield. Spring is responsible for curating, transporting and installing the current collection of Mary's works at the Astro Motel. She is providing quotes for the packing, moving and potential installation of the pieces the City has purchased. Upon condition assessment and conversation with Miss Maxfield, it was found that the Owl Bench (\$4,800) and Woman with Owl sculpture (\$5,000) were not appropriate for our collection due to vermiculite deterioration to the bench and stability issues with the sculpture.

Graciously, Dennis Calabi agreed to let the PPAC trade for other pieces within the collection available through the Calabi Gallery and at Dennis's home in Sebastopol. On 6/19/24 subcommittee member Digges and City staff visited the Gallery and reviewed available works from Mary Fuller McChesney and Robert McChesney.

OPTION 1



01.

“Fuller Does Moore”

Mary Fuller McChesney

(1922-2022)

2000, Cast Bronze after

1947 Terracotta

sculpture

Trade Value \$4,000

OPTION 1.2

01.2

"Yermo Noche"

Robert Pearson McChesney (1913-2008)

1972, Silk Screen

23" x 17.5" paper size

19.5" x 13.5" image size

\$800 each, Unframed



OPTION 2

02.

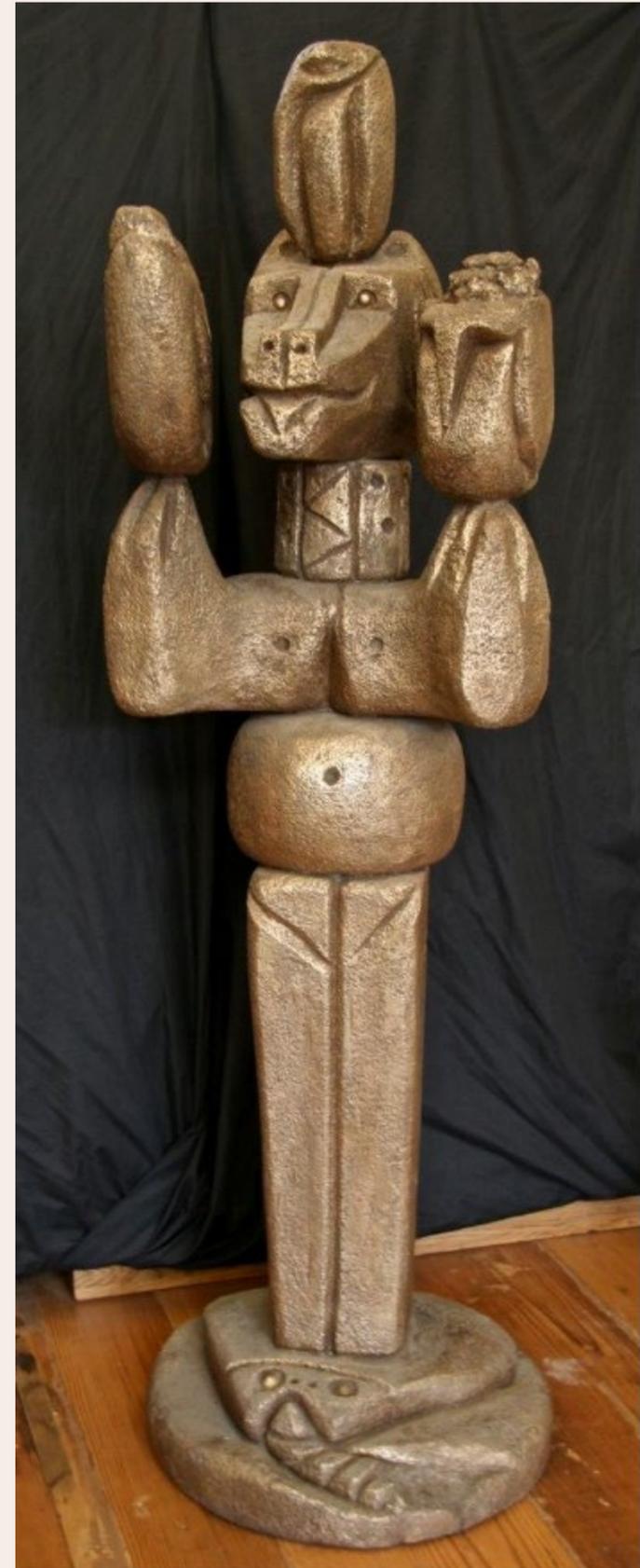
"Coyote Goddess"

Mary Fuller McChesney

2004, Cast Bronze,

65" X 20" X 20"

\$9,800



LIBRARY



Four animal sculptures will live at the Petaluma Public Library. They are the sculptures Rabbit, Ram, Cat and Lion. They will be delivered to the library July 8, 2024 by Spring Maxfield and City Staff.

PIECES AVAILABLE FOR PLACEMENT



Snake Goddess 36"h x 20"w x
14"d



Medusa 68"h x 22"w x
21"d

PIECES AVAILABLE



Coyote Goddess 65"h x 20"w x
20"d



Shape Totem



Male Totem 48"h x 12"w x 10"d/ Female Totem 48"h x 11"w x 9"d



Male Totem 2 48"h x 12"w x 10"d

NEXT STEPS

- IDENTIFY POTENTIAL PARTNER PROJECTS
- Finish condition reports, restoration (as needed), packing & moving
- INSTALLATION
- STORAGE PENDING INSTALLATION
- WE WANT TO WORK WITH YOU!



Totem 53"h x 18"w x 13"d