



Exhibitions at
PAAM

The Napi and Helen Van Dereck Collection

Part V

CURATED BY CHRISTINE MCCARTHY
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IN THE MOFFETT GALLERY

This exhibition features artworks from the collection of Napi and Helen Van Dereck.

Napi passed away on Christmas Day, 2019 and Helen on January 29, 2025. This exhibition is the fifth installment of the Van Dereck collection as we honor Helen for her commitment to the Provincetown community, their legacy and the depth of this important collection.

According to Napi, every picture has a story—the scenes of Town represent “the way it used to was”. Each artwork was carefully selected for a personal reason and he could tell you, in detail, the back story. Some of Provincetown’s most iconic vantage points and significant pieces of history are represented by artists such as Gerrit Beneker, Marion Campbell Hawthorne, Tod Lindenmuth, Henrietta Dunn Mears, Lillian Meeser, Frank Milby, and Kathi Smith among others.

We are so grateful to Helen for allowing PAAM to exhibit this unprecedented collection over the past six years, and I would personally like to thank Jim Bakker for his assistance in getting this body of work together, and Bernard McEneaney for his continued assistance.

—Christine McCarthy, Curator and CEO, PAAM

ARTWORK LIST

Carl Ashby (1914-2004)

Untitled, 1967

Oil on canvas

Gift of the Helen and Napi Van Dereck Estate

George Beline (1887-1971)

Untitled (Three Fishermen on Boat), n.d.

Oil on canvas

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Gerrit Beneker (1882-1934)

Higgin's Lumber Wharf, 1929

Oil on panel

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Marion Campbell Hawthorne (1870-1945)

Black Schooner at Wharf, Provincetown,

c. 1905-06

Watercolor on paper

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Marion Campbell Hawthorne (1870-1945)

Christopher Wren Tower, n.d.

Gouache on brown paper

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Tod Lindenmuth (1885-1976)

Dory Fishermen, n.d.

Lithograph

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Henrietta Dunn Mears (1877-1970)

A Summer Lane, c. 1917

Oil on canvas

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Henrietta Dunn Mears (1877-1970)

Untitled (Sailboat at Provincetown Shore),

n.d.

Oil on panel

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Lillian Burk Meeser (1864-1942)

Untitled (House and Carriage in

Provincetown Street), n.d.

Oil on canvas

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Lillian Burk Meeser (1864-1942)

Untitled (Old Provincetown Store), n.d.

Oil on canvas

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Frank Milby (1933-2023)

Pears, n.d.

Oil on panel

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Walter Edward Parsons (1890-1962)

Mary Heaton Vorse House, n.d.

Oil on panel

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Kathryn Lee Smith (b. 1953)

Winter Warmth #1, 1996

White-line woodblock print

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Kathryn Lee Smith (b. 1953)

Slo Cat in Spring #2, 1996

White-line woodblock print

Gift of the Helen and Napi Van Dereck Estate

Anton "Tony" Haunstrup Van Dereck (1902-1943)

Untitled (Tower), 1924

Ink on paper

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Harry Church Whorf (1883-1944)

Race in Harbor, n.d.

Oil on paper

Gift of the Helen and Napi Van Dereck Estate