

Portraiture



Audrey McNaughton
Portrait of Lenah Field Fisher, 1976
oil on Aspenite

When an artist creates a representation of a person, it is called a portrait. Portraits usually focus on a person's face, but can include the whole body. A portrait can be a painting, drawing, photograph, sculpture, or any other type of art. When an artist creates a portrait of himself or herself, it is called a self-portrait.

Conversation + Analysis:

1. What story does this artwork tell?
2. This women's name was Lenah Field Fisher she is known as the Saviour of Victoria Hall. How does this painting reflect that?
3. How many unique textures or patterns can you spot?
4. What else do we know about Lenah Field Fisher by looking at this portrait?
5. Do you have portraits on display in your home? How do the portraits in your home compare to this one?
6. Have you been to Victoria Hall? Why do you think Lenah Field Fisher thought it was important to save Victoria Hall? What buildings or works of art would you like to see saved and preserved?

Curriculum Connections: D2.1, D3.1, D3.2

Projects Ideas:

1. Make your own self-portrait. Consider what parts of your personality you want to represent. What facial expression will you show? What will you wear? Put something in the background that tells the viewer about what is important to you. Who is your audience? Use materials you have available in your home.

Suggested materials: Paper or cardboard and markers, crayons or pencils. Curriculum Connections: D1.1, D2.2, D1.4

2. Lenah Field Fisher was known for her interesting and colourful hats. Build yourself an interesting and colourful hat. Where would you wear this hat?

Suggested materials: Paper, paper plates, feathers, beads, balloons, tissue paper, yarn, pom-poms, markers, paint, glitter, fabric, pipe cleaners. Curriculum Connections: D1.1, D1.4

3. When Lenah Field Fisher was first elected to Council, she was assigned to work in the garbage committee. Using clean garbage and recycling build a replica of Victoria Hall!

Suggested materials: egg cartons, paper towel roll, cardboard boxes and newspaper. Curriculum Connections: D1.1, D1.4, D3.1, D3.2