

Sculpture gardens seek prize to save studio

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WEST PALM BEACH — Sunlight filters through the large windows of Ann Weaver Norton's studio, splashing light on the interior's dark wooden features as well as the artist's sculptures made of wood, bronze and plaster.

"It's a very unique space in that you feel like Ann just left for lunch and she's coming back," said Cynthia Kanai, CEO of Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens in West Palm Beach. "You really feel her presence in the studio."

But the 1948 studio, where Norton spent her time carving, is at risk of being exposed to the elements due to cracked windows and warped wooden doors.

That's why the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens is participating in a nationwide contest to win a prize that

would be put toward its restoration.

"We don't want to lose that authentic, warm feel," Kanai said. "We just want to fortify it so that it will be around for generations to come."

The sculpture gardens could win \$150,000, which would match a grant from private donors, through the "Vote Your Main Street" contest by the Partners in Preservation initiative.

The Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens — which is the only Florida project in the running — is competing with the birthplace of Girl Scouts founder Juliette Gordon Low, the courthouse featured in Harper Lee's "To Kill A Mockingbird" and 17 other historic places across the country for a share of a \$2 million pot. Grants will be given based on popularity.

This year, the Partners in Preservation chose to



Sara Griffen, center, helps a visitor at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens vote as part of the "Vote Your Main Street" event on Saturday. (HANNAH MORSE/PALMBEACHPOST.COM)

focus on places of significance in women's history to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment's ratification that guaranteed a woman's right to vote. Through Oct. 29, participants can vote up to five times a day online at nationalgeographic.com/voteyourmainstreet.

Another \$50,000 was up for grabs for the project that received the most votes on Saturday, in part why admission to the sculpture gardens was free for the day. Visitors could vote in person inside the studio itself.

"Ann was a workaholic,

or 'artholic,' I would say," said the sculpture gardens' curator Cynthia Inklebarger. "[She was] just constantly in her studio, working on a variety of different projects at the same time."

From her "Seven Beings," made of Norwegian granite, to her nine "Gateways" made out of brick, to her pastel work, which visitors could view, "[Norton] was constantly moving around and her projects always overlapped," Inklebarger said.

West Palm Beach City Commissioner Christina Lambert presented the proclamation that declared Saturday to be "Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens Day" before a quintet made up of members of the Bak Middle School of the Arts band performed. Kids could get in on the fun, too, with options to make a sculpture out of clay or sketch with pastels.

"Restoring historic sites and preserving them for future preservation is more critical than ever," said Frances Fisher, founding chairwoman of the Gardens Conservancy at the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens. "You never know what child, artist, nature lover or future architect might experience in a treasure like the Ann Norton Sculpture Gardens and be inspired."

This was the first time Betsy Carroll, of Wellington, visited the sculpture gardens in her 40 years living in Florida. She was impressed, calling it "lovely."

"Certainly this is a gem of a neighborhood, and it would be really awesome if they can rescue the studio because this woman is amazing," she said.

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Two charged in \$12K mall spree

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BOCA RATON — A 34-year-old woman is facing a charge of felony retail theft after authorities allege she and a girl tried to steal more than \$12,000 worth of clothing from a store at Town Center at Boca Raton.

Police arrested Kilwoind Jones, of Homestead, on Sept. 30 in connection to the Sept. 20 incident at Saks Fifth Avenue. She was released from custody Monday on a \$4,500 bond.

The girl was arrested on a similar charge. The Palm Beach Post does not identify juveniles accused of crimes unless they are charged as adults. Jones disputed the allegation when The Post reached her Thursday.

"The only thing I (have) to say is they lied," she said, before declining further comment.

Investigators say Jones and the girl were with another woman and another girl when the shoplifting incident occurred.

While in the store, the girls brought shopping bags to the adults, police said. The unidentified woman reportedly began placing items in the bags while Jones held

up items to shield the woman and girls from view.

The unidentified woman left the store without merchandise. Jones went to speak to a store employee while the girls carried the bags out of the store, police said.

A loss-prevention officer approached one girl and detained her. Jones left the store but returned when she saw the juvenile detained, the report said. The other juvenile returned to the store and dropped her bag.

One bag had three red Alice + Olivia dresses valued in total at \$4,175, the report said. The other had three black and white Alice + Olivia dresses valued in total at \$5,550.

The arrest report said that Jones and the juvenile attempted to steal a total of \$12,802.55 worth of merchandise.

Jones told police she did not take anything from the store and denied helping anyone to shoplift.

She refused to identify either the other woman or the other juvenile. Police did not question the juvenile in custody as an officer determined that she did not understand her rights.

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Saturday's jackpot was \$8.5 million
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Oct. 4: 7-15-24-29-35
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Oct. 5: Midday: 3-3
Oct. 4: Evening: 2-4
PICK 3
Oct. 5: Midday: 7-9-9
Oct. 4: Evening: 4-5-9
PICK 4
Oct. 5: Midday: 7-5-1-0
Oct. 4: Evening: 5-9-2-0
PICK 5
Oct. 5: Midday: 8-1-9-8-6
Oct. 4: Evening: 4-0-4-5-8

JACKPOT TRIPLE PLAY
Tuesday's jackpot: \$800,000
Oct. 4: 4-12-18-24-33-34
POWERBALL
Saturday's jackpot was \$70 million
Oct. 2: 4-8-10-43-53
Powerball: 7
MEGA MILLIONS
Tuesday's jackpot: \$55 million
Oct. 4: 11-38-44-48-70
Mega Ball: 17
CASHALL!
Oct. 4: 2-8-23-34-54
Cash Ball: 3

Man indicted in woman's OD death held without bond

By Julius Whigham II and Hannah Morse
The Palm Beach Post

WEST PALM BEACH — A suburban West Palm Beach man charged with first-degree murder for his alleged role in a woman's overdose death was ordered held without bond Saturday morning by Palm Beach County Circuit Judge Maxine Chessman.

Jorel Sine, 28, was taken into custody Friday on the murder charge, along with six narcotics counts, one day after a grand jury indicted him. Authorities allege he sold the dose of heroin that killed Candace Moreland, 37, at a home west of Lantana in December 2017.

In February, investigators arrested Vicki Sakers, 41, alleging she bought and supplied the drug that resulted in Moreland's overdose death. A state



Sine

law passed in 2017 allows authorities to pursue murder charges against drug dealers and suppliers in circumstances that lead to an overdose death.

According to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office, Moreland died at Sakers' home on the night of Dec. 16, 2017, after the two used drugs they purchased from a dealer that evening.

Investigators say Moreland and Sakers drove to the area of Lantana Road and Military Trail, where Sakers bought three capsules suspected to contain heroin and gave them to Moreland.

Moreland snorted one capsule during the ride back to Sakers' home in the Rivermill neighborhood north of Hypoluxo Road and west of Haverhill Road.

While at home, Sakers fell asleep and woke up to find Moreland unresponsive on the screened patio

at the back of the home, the Sheriff's Office said. Paramedics pronounced Moreland dead about 30 minutes later.

Sakers is awaiting trial after she pleaded not guilty to charges of first-degree murder and delivery of fentanyl. Prosecutors announced in July that they would not pursue the death penalty in the case.

The case is scheduled for a status hearing in November.

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