

Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:00am 12:00pm

This Week's Program - Title of Talk: "Ashley Bryan - Painter, Poet, and Patriot"

This Week's Speaker: Nick Clark

About the Speaker: Nick Clark is an art historian who until his retirement was the Founding Director and Chief Curator of The Eric Carle Museum in Amherst MA. More recently he has served as the Founding Director of The Ashley Bryan Center where he has helped to place Ashley's archive with the University of Pennsylvania.

Extra Info The profusely illustrated presentation will survey Bryan's life and career with special focus on his service in WWII where he was part of a segregated stevedore unit who landed on Omaha Beach on D-Day+3 to ferry war materiel from ship to shore. His recent memoir of that experience - Infinite Hope, A Black Soldier's Journey from WWII to Peace tells this story through narrative, as well as letters and drawings from the time. It poignantly captures the trials and tribulations experienced by the black soldier at this time.