

# About the Project

YAYOI KUSAMA WAS CHOSEN THIS YEAR BY THE GARDEN CITY HISTORICAL SOCIETY, TO INCORPORATE POP ART AND MINIMALISM INTO STUDENT WORK WHILE SEEKING INSPIRATION FROM FLOWERS AND NATURE. IN PRIOR YEARS, GARDEN CITY'S STUDENTS HAVE LEARNED ABOUT IMPRESSIONISM THROUGH THE WORK OF CLAUDE MONET AND MARY CASSATT, MODERNISM VIA THE WORK OF GEORGIA O'KEEFFE AND THIS YEAR WE WILL MOVE TO POP ART AND MINIMALISM THROUGH KUSAMA'S USE OF DOTS AND BRIGHT COLORS.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO FEATURING THIS YEAR'S CREATIONS.

## 2023 Project Instructions

1. Seek inspiration from the movement of Pop art and Minimalism from Yayoi Kusama. Go to Kusama's fan page on Instagram, check out her prior exhibit at the NY Botanical Gardens, read about her upcoming exhibit at the David Zwirner Gallery in NY and/or visit Grand Central Madison.
2. Choose a favorite flower, vegetable or fruit to create your own Yayoi Kusama expression using polka dots.
3. Use bold and bright colors - painting or a sculpture is suggested this year (teacher's discretion).
4. Suggested materials can include: acrylic on canvas, watercolor, oils on canvas, colored pencils, crayons, pastels and mixed medium collage.
5. Once complete, take a photo and upload it to The Garden City Historical Society website by May 31st.
6. Winners will be posted by June 9th and a ceremony will be held at The Garden City Historical Society on June 11th for family, friends, teachers and administration. Save the date!