At-Home Art Projects for Families

Still Life

Audrey Flack is an American artist who creates paintings and sculptures that often include recognizable objects from the real world including household products, food, jewelry, and works of art.

Felix Nussbaum was a painter born in Germany. Nussbaum went to art school in Rome, but his studies were interrupted by the outbreak of WWII. He continued to make artwork during this time that reflect his many hardships during wartime in Europe. This painting depicts a more peaceful image.

In this activity, you will be creating a still life inspired by paintings by Audrey Flack and Felix Nussbaum.

Materials needed:
- Paper
- Drawing materials, such as colored pencils, crayons, or pastels
- Paint (optional)
- Scissors (optional)
- Glue (optional)
- Variety of collage paper and/or magazine clippings (optional)

Process:
Find three or more objects that are special to you or your family. Arrange them in a playful way on a table. Use paint, collage, or colored pencils to create an image depicting these objects.

(Left) Audrey Flack, Matzo Meal, 1960. Oil on canvas. Gift of Helen Hesse Charash
(Right) Felix Nussbaum, Vase with Tulips and Lilac, 1936. Gouache on paper. Gift of the children of Carol Lederman