



## Considering Home | Wangari Mathenge

### Collaborative Document

Wednesday, April 12, 2023 7-8:30 PM ET

Your facilitator : mark

Zoom Group / Open Access



Image: Wangari Mathenge, *The Ascendants XI (Homage To Ecclesiastes Three, One through Eight)*, 2021  
Oil on canvas, 70 x 120 in (177.8 x 304.8 cm) (detail)

🙌 Thank you for attending *Considering Home*. We are so grateful for your participation and welcome you to our online community. This document is a community document to be shared with all who attended our interactive conversation. Think of it as a place where you are invited to add any additional resources, thoughts. Or perhaps, this is a space to find additional tour content and contact/social information? It's really up to you - you have editorial control. Cool right?

## **Collaborative thoughts and shared material. Let's go!**

We are excited to see what you share.

Roberts Projects

<https://www.robertsprojectsla.com/artists/wangari-mathenge/>

Pippy Houldsworth Gallery:

<https://www.houldsworth.co.uk/artists/44-wangari-mathenge/overview/>

Nicola Vassell Gallery

<https://www.nicolavassell.com/artists/52-wangari-mathenge/>

Artist's website:

<https://wangari-mathenge.com/>

Artist's CV:

<https://wangari-mathenge.com/pagecv>

Artist's Instagram:

[https://www.instagram.com/wangari\\_mathenge/](https://www.instagram.com/wangari_mathenge/)

### **Word cloud:**

multiculturalism  
texture convergence domestic placemaking  
familiar books companionship movement  
ready together leisure value systems inherit  
ancestors warm rest fabric relaxing unspoken  
massai-shuka calm home assemblage  
balance inviting layer sleep trust textile exhausted  
culture connection patterns commodity memory  
legacy colorful private kanga past  
expats water trinity poised pattern colonialism  
continuity interior brand quality influence  
education diaspora migration

### **Some URLs to explore:**

Upcoming solo exhibition: Tidal Wave of Colour, Roberts Projects

<https://www.robertsprojectsla.com/exhibitions/wangari-mathenge2>

Wangari Mathenge's Newest Body of Work Comes to Roberts Projects

<https://www.widewalls.ch/news-feed/wangari-mathenges-roberts-projects>

Wangari Mathenge: Interview & Portrait by Jan-Willem Dijkers

<https://issuemagazine.com/wangari-mathenge/#/>

Recent Acquisition Wangari Mathenge, The Ascendents XIV (She is Here) - Duke University

<https://nasher.duke.edu/stories/wangari-mathenge-the-ascendents-xiv-she-is-here/>

Wangari Mathenge The Expats Studies: Impressions on Paper

<https://epiphanychi.com/wangari-mathenge-the-expats-studies-impressions-on-paper/>

Solo exhibition: Aura of Quiet, Roberts Projects

<https://www.robertsprojectsla.com/exhibitions/wangari-mathenge>

Artist Wangari Mathenge invites you to step inside a life-sized 1970s living room

<https://www.creativeboom.com/inspiration/paintings-by-wangari-mathenge/>

Wangari Mathenge "Perspectives"

<https://milanoartguide.com/calendar/wangari-mathenge-perspectives/>

How Friendship Helps Us Transcend Ourselves

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/04/12/t-magazine/friendship-art-creative-partnerships.html>

'You Are Here' at Pippy Houldsworth Gallery: Wangari Mathenge

<https://www.trebuchet-magazine.com/wangari-mathenge-pippy-houldsworth-gallery/>

Where the art feels like home - Financial Times

<https://www.ft.com/content/c02b4cec-005b-4fed-9fa2-bfaa648f10c6>

Tour of Wangar's studio during 2020 (Pippy Houldsworth Gallery)

[https://vimeo.com/440277903/472a5dbd17?embedded=false&source=video\\_title&owner=9440264](https://vimeo.com/440277903/472a5dbd17?embedded=false&source=video_title&owner=9440264)

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## Recommended books:

*Great Women Painters*

Alison M. Gingeras (Author)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9781838663285>

*The Wretched of the Earth*

Frantz Fanon (Author)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9780802158635>

*A Little Life*

Hanya Yanagihara (Author)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9780804172707>

*Golem Girl: A Memoir*

Riva Lehrer (Author)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9781984820303>

Ninth Street Women: Lee Krasner, Elaine de Kooning, Grace Hartigan, Joan Mitchell, and Helen Frankenthaler:  
Five Painters and the Movement

Mary Gabriel (Author)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9780316226172>

Kerry James Marshall: Mastry

Ian Alteveer, Helen Molesworth, and Dieter Roelstraete (Authors)

<https://bookshop.org/a/15158/9780847848331>

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## Shared resources (please feel free to add/edit) :

From Alexis:

Flint, Michigan water crisis

<https://www.npr.org/sections/thetwo-way/2016/04/20/465545378/lead-laced-water-in-flint-a-step-by-step-look-at-the-makings-of-a-crisis>

From Anasuya:

Environmental racism

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental\\_racism](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Environmental_racism)

Water theft

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2020/09/global-water-theft-report-agriculture/>

From Anne:

Ninth Street Women by Mary Gabriel

<https://www.littlebrown.com/titles/mary-gabriel/ninth-street-women/9780316226196/>

Keane (band)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keane\\_\(band\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Keane_(band))

S. Pellegrino (owned by Nestle)

<https://www.nestle.com/brands/water/s-pellegrino>

Crocs (footwear)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Crocs>

From Janet:

'Unsustainable Consumption' by the Rich Is Driving Urban Water Crises: Study

<https://www.commondreams.org/news/unsustainable-consumption-water-inequality>

From mark:

How infrastructure has historically promoted inequality

<https://www.pbs.org/newshour/politics/how-infrastructure-has-historically-promoted-inequality>

A horizon of freedom: Using Foucault to think differently about education and learning

<https://journals.sagepub.com/doi/full/10.1177/1757743819838289>

The true story behind England's tea obsession

<https://www.bbc.com/travel/article/20170823-the-true-story-behind-englands-tea-obsession>

Still life painting

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/s/still-life>

Assemblage art

<https://www.tate.org.uk/art/art-terms/a/assemblage>

Commodity (Marx)

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commodity\\_\(Marxism\)#:~:text=In%20Marx's%20theory%2C%20a%20commodity,va,lue%20and%20an%20exchange%20value.](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Commodity_(Marxism)#:~:text=In%20Marx's%20theory%2C%20a%20commodity,va,lue%20and%20an%20exchange%20value.)

From Njeri:

Maasai shuka cloth

<https://www.thulatula.com/blogs/community/the-ultimate-guide-to-the-maasai-shuka-cloth-throw>

Kanga fabric

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanga\\_\(garment\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kanga_(garment))

From Dr. Vicki:

1970s French Provincial style furniture

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French\\_furniture#Provincial\\_furniture](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/French_furniture#Provincial_furniture)

## Additional Learning Resources

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