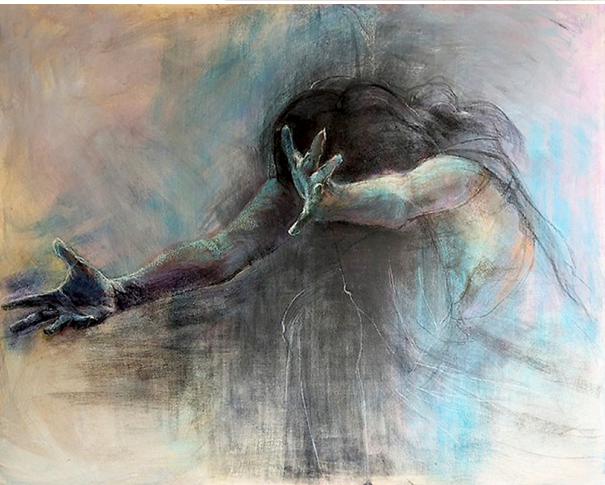


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MEMBER FEATURE



As an artist I am attracted to beauty, not a monumental or ideal depiction, but rather a more nuanced exploration through common occurrences. An expression or movement caught in time, a simple cloth draped in shadows, a jug transformed by sunlight can create a sense of beauty, calm and inspiration.

Through my work, I wish to share with my viewers the inherent beauty of humanity: ever present and waiting discovery.

Rita Duris pursued her formal training in Montreal Canada, first in the Fine Arts program of Concordia University and subsequently in graphic design at Dawson College. Her successful graphic design business led her to Toronto where she worked for 10 years at an award winning design firm. Always immersed in the fine arts community, she continually studied both historical and contemporary art movements, which led her back to her first passion; painting and drawing. She now resides in Erie, PA

Rita Duris is a member of the Art Association of Pittsburgh and the NPAA.

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Look for prospectus soon

BIENNIAL 9 Exhibition at the Tom Ridge Environmental Center

- July 1 – September 30
 - Opening Gala Reception Saturday July 12 5–9 pm
 - Music, wine, beer, catered food
 - Peak summer visitor time
 - Upstairs gallery
 - Gala downstairs for staging and possible summer long artist's demonstrations
 - Cash awards including People's Choice Award



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Erie Art Museum

Congratulations NPAA members who were selected to exhibit in this year's Erie Art Museum 102ND Annual Nicole & Harry Martin 2025 Spring Show. Selection took place in late February by guest juror Keliy Anderson-Staley.



Congratulations



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| Dan Austin | Xinye Village |
| Jamie Borowicz | The Thin Green Line |
| Rita Duris | Anna |
| Tom Ferraro | Diver |
| Lynn Fizel | MendedSoul |
| Luke Gehring | Ceci N'est Pas One Pipe |
| Passle Helminski | Red opening verses expanding |
| Tom Hubert | Coral Cherry Wood Teapot |
| Dorothy Kloss | Not Entirely Forgotten |
| Kristen Muench | Up |
| Sandy Shelenberger | Diamond in the Square 1 |

NPAA Strong !

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Art of the State 2025

Posted by: Passle Helminski on Thu Mar 13 2025

Dear Passle: Congratulations! Your work, Octave, has been chosen to be exhibited in Art of the State 2025 at The State Museum of Pennsylvania. We were honored to have had Brenton Good, Shin-hee Chin and Lauren Whearty judge the large quantity of entries with 2,344 works for consideration. Following a very challenging jury process, 97 were chosen. Entry Accepted: Octave Art of the State will be featured in the gallery from June 8 – September 14, 2025. We are currently finalizing plans for the opening of the exhibit on Sunday, June 8th and welcome you to join us. Please refer to our website or follow us on Facebook and X for further developments concerning the exhibition and programming. Denise Ryner will serve as this year's awards juror. Her award selections, which will be made in each of the five categories, will be announced at the opening reception on June 8th. Thank you for entering Art of the State and congratulations on being accepted into this prestigious exhibition. Sincerely, Amy S. Hammond Senior Curator of Cultural History The State Museum of PA | PHMC 300 North Street Harrisburg, PA 17120 amhammond@pa.gov www.statemuseumpa.org

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NPAA Spring show award vote

Posted by: Gregory Zbach on Thu Mar 13 2025

The annual NPAA Spring show award vote is coming up soon. The vote is being held on Wednesday, April 2nd from 11am to 6pm see the show before most people and vote your favorite. You can vote for anyone in the show and members and friends are welcome!

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Faces & Figures National Exhibit

Posted by: Passle Helminski on Sun Feb 16 2025

Dear Passle Helminski, Congratulations! The juror Lew Lott selected your work "Stolen" for the FCCA March 2025 "Faces & Figures" National All-Media Juried Exhibit in the Frederick Gallery at the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA). I have attached the March 2025 Artist Contract and delivery instructions for shipping or delivery of your work to arrive by 4 pm on February 28, 2025, and for the return or pick up of your work if unsold. Please read the Artist Contract for delivery deadline date/time and the instructions for hand delivery or shipping selected work to arrive during FCCA open hours: Monday noon – 4 pm; Thursday - Friday noon – 4 pm; Saturday 11 – 4 pm; Sunday 1-4 pm; Closed Tuesday-Wednesday. We look forward to exhibiting your work. The exhibit opens to the public on Saturday, March 1, at 1 pm. The FCCA will be open for extended hours on First Friday, March 7, noon to 8:30 pm. Exhibiting artists are invited to attend First Friday between 6 – 8 pm to greet visitors and to hear the announcement of awards at 6:30 pm. Light refreshments will be served. The Juror Talk/Awards video featuring all work in the exhibition will be videotaped and posted at a later date on our FCCA YouTube channel: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkvxAll60mc9RbU9Z3ug00w> Best regards, Carrol Morgan

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New events by members posted on our NPAA Website Bulletin Board

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- ✓ **Membership dues.**
- ✓ **An electronic invoice was emailed to members March 1, due March 31.**
- ✓ **Dues will remain \$60 for members and \$35 for friends.**
- ✓ **Members are encouraged to use the link within the invoice and pay using a credit card.**
- ✓ **This method of payment saves time and greatly streamlines our accounting processes.**
- ✓ **We ask that you please refrain from sending a check if possible.**

Thank you.





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MEMBER NEWS

A REMINDER Members . . . continue to refer to our npaaonline.org calendar and bulletin board and update your online portfolios

NEW WEBSITE Always looking for new work (images) that we can feature on the Home page on both the slide show and the Gallery. Send hi-res images (approx. 2M each) to Jack Stone at sjconnects@gmail.com . . . *or questions if you're not sure.* Also we're willing to help any member who would like to update or create their portfolio page

The MEN of NPAA EXHIBITION at Octagon Gallery in Westfield, NY From November 7th, 2025 through December 5th, 2025

ALREADY LOOKING AHEAD City Gallery Holiday Show December, 2025 Once again our Holiday Party

CONSIDERATION Volunteer to be a NPAA Board Member

