



NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

AUGUST, 2023

NEW



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Open ALL MEMBER Board Meeting
  - August 22, 2023, 6:00 pm
- Toni Kelly
  - *A Stir of Artists*
    - Bemus Point, NY
    - August 12-13, 2023
  - *Wild Wind Folk Art*
    - Warren County Fair Grounds
    - September 9 & 10, 2023
- NPAA Artist Member Show
  - *Conversations*
    - Kada Gallery
    - Opening
      - August 4, 2023
      - 5:00-8:00 pm
- SUPPORT THE NPAA
  - Erie Gives
    - August 8, 2023
    - ONLINE EVENT
- NPAA PICNIC
  - *Location in emailed invitation*
  - August 12, 2023
    - 5:00-8:00 pm
- NPAA FUNDRAISER
  - *Benevolent Beers*
    - Erie Ale Works
    - October 12, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm



Have you dreamed of making history? Of course, we all have. And now we have a chance to be a part of Erie County's day of giving - an opportunity to unite our community around causes in which we truly believe and help nonprofit organizations connect to the larger community.

**We need your help!** We need you to tell your friends and family members about the important work we do and ask them to join us in helping to make a difference.

**Get ready to give!** On **August 8th**, visit [eriegives.org](http://eriegives.org) and make a donation to us and/or to any of the great participating nonprofit organizations in Erie County. **All giving will end at 8:00 PM on August 8th, so make sure to get your gift in on time!**

If you have any questions or would like more information, let us know by contacting us at <https://www.npaaonline.org/>.

# Kelly Run Art Gallery Grand Re-Opening Celebration



Journey into an inner world as ancient as time itself as you discover the secret works of Penny Weight Workshop. Indulge your imagination by joining Creator Binnie at the opening of Kelly Run Gallery, recently purchased by **NPAA Friend Rod Miller** and his wife, Debbie.

The reception will also feature the works of various other creators, craft beer by Gadabout Beer Company, refreshments by Abigail's on Main, live music, and giveaways.

Kelly Run Art Gallery currently has art from Rick James, Susan James, Sam Stull, Sean Clayton, Bill Campbell of Campbell Pottery, Zach Lutz, and **NPAA Artist Members Jan Lutz, Ron Bayuzick**, among many others.

## **WHEN**

Friday, August 11, 2023  
6:00-9:00 pm

## **WHERE**

Kelly Run Gallery  
264 South Main Street  
Cambridge Springs, PA 16403



# NPAA Summer Picnic

August 12, 2023 | 5:00-8:00 pm



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# ART EXHIBITION



## Conversations

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association will be exhibiting new paintings, sculpture and other media at Kada Gallery from August 4-September 2, 2023.

2632 West 8th Street  
Erie, PA 16505

## Opening Reception

Join us for the  
opening reception  
on August 4, 2023,  
from 5:00-8:00 pm.



# MUSIC JESS ROYER





The Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists  
Association needs your help!

Fellow member,

The Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association (NPAA) is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization for professional artists. Our mission is to create opportunities for established, emerging and student artists through exhibitions, education, and scholarships. The NPAA was founded to ensure professional artists could band together to help each other, promote the visual arts, and protect artist endeavors. This has driven us for nearly 50 years and after all this time, we still stand as the only organization in the region to offer this.

That need is not changing, young artists still need help, which means the NPAA needs your help. Over the past 22 years, we have successfully awarded over \$95,000 in scholarships to high school seniors to help them offset the rising costs of higher education and pursue careers in the visual arts and help allow their talent to be recognized and shared. However, the cost of higher education is continually on the rise and art students typically don't have the same scholarship opportunities that are available to their peers who participate in athletics for example. That said, the need for NPAA scholarships is growing.

This year, the NPAA has created an endowment fund with the sole purpose of continuing these scholarships to allow young artists to thrive in the region. This endowment will provide us greater financial stability to continue to provide the scholarships and allow us to increase the value of them. Our goal is to raise \$75,000 this year, with growth reaching \$100,000 by 2025. This endowment relies on contributions from our community members that share our passions and mission.

To date, we have raised over \$36,000 through these contributions. To continue on the path of meeting our year end goal of \$75,000, we need the support of community members such as yourself. We will have a webpage set up to allow for direct donations on our website at [npaaonline.org](http://npaaonline.org) or by mailing checks to NPAA, P.O. Box 6156, Erie, PA 16512.

This endowment will allow us to continue to offer these scholarships and encourage young artists to grow and thrive in the region. Please consider donating to our endowment campaign and helping passionate young artists thrive.

Sincerely,  
The NPAA Board of Directors



# Save the Date

Erie Ale Works is excited to provide a fundraising platform for local nonprofits in the community that has helped us grow our business from our one-car garage in Millcreek.

Erie has a strong nonprofit community and we want to help it grow stronger through Benevolent Beers. **On Thursday, October 12th, a portion of each sale rung into EAW's cash register will be provide a donation to the Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association.**

## WHEN

October 12, 2023  
5:00-8:00 pm

## WHERE

Erie Ale Works  
416 West 12th Street  
Erie PA 16501



*It's fundraising, one pint at a time!*

In the upcoming **Know the Place** show running August 23-December 2, 2023, **PennWest Edinboro University's Bruce Gallery** will present almost fifty works addressing time and place. Inspired by the famous phrase from T.S. Eliot's Four Quartets - "We shall not cease from exploration. And the end of all our exploring will be to arrive where we started and know the place for the first time" this show will include two, three and four dimensional artworks of real and invented landscapes, built environments and local histories.

Works drawn from the gallery's permanent collection include Jacques Callot's 1619 architectural elevation; Christo's 1968 plan to wrap Chicago's Museum of Contemporary Art; Han Hsiang-Ning's 1980 print, N.Y. Skyline; and Piranesi's 1749 Imaginary Prisons.

Loaned works include John Baker's sketches for Buffalo, NY murals; Benton Bainbridge's (and Sariah Storm's) "science project" illustrating changing seasons via two trees flanking a mountain; Collin Bonner's documentation of his skateboarding in northwestern Pennsylvania; Larry Brown's photographs of Erie's historic commercial property; small-scale, hollow-constructed, copper-sheet architectural forms by Morgan Calabrese; plein air oil-stick drawings by Alaskan artist John Jodwalis; architect Jeff Kidder's adaptive reuse plan commissioned by CIVITAS for the Edinboro Boiler House; paintings of New Jersey houses by Steve Lewis; sculptor Heather Molecke's fictional display of Cleveland history; Jon Rubin's film HereThere, that visually connects interiors of homes lining a Pittsburgh street; Christopher Schneider's Astroturf sculptures of U.S.A. street signs; and an installation of postcards by anonymous residents of West Texas and New Mexico organized by Leslie C. Sotomayor II (and Katy Ballard) responding to a variety of prompts including, "belonging, crossroads, fear, home and happiness."

## **WHEN**

**Exhibition, August 23-December 2, 2023**

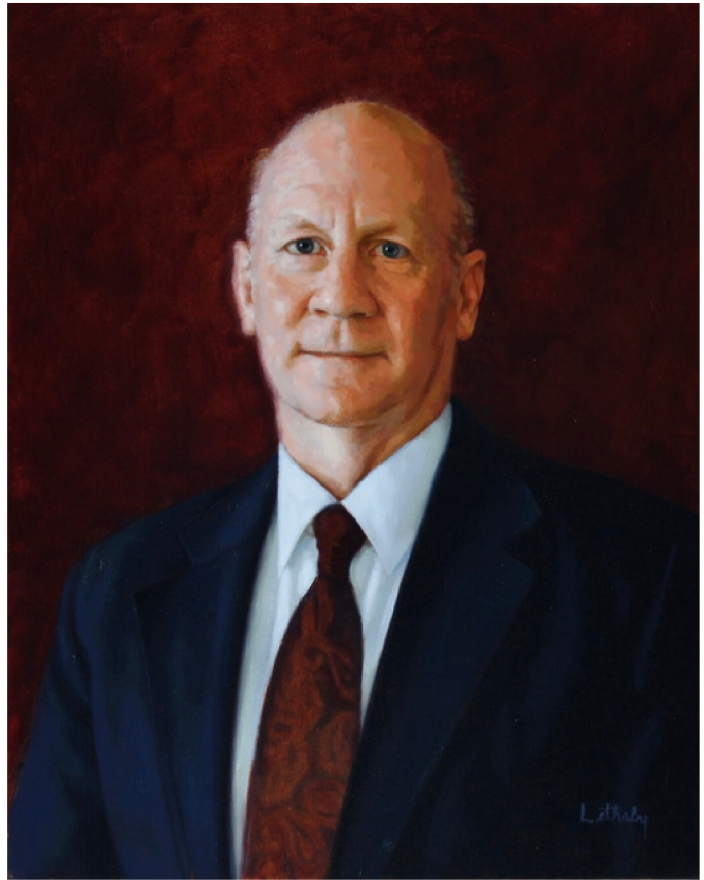
Opening Reception, Wednesday, August 30, 2023. 5:30-7:00 pm

Closing Reception, Saturday, December 2, 2023, 1:00-2:00 pm





On the walls of Old Main are portraits of past presidents who symbolically represent the story of Gannon University's history. A portrait of President Keith Taylor, Ph.D, will soon join the ranks of his predecessors in this respected position to continue this Gannon tradition. **NPAA Artist Member Brad Lethaby** was commissioned for Taylor's oil paint portrait and unveiled the final work of art to Taylor and his wife, Jean, in May, 2023.



CONGRATULATIONS, BRAD!





Gem City Dinor recently commissioned **NPAA Artist Member Evan Everhart** to give a facelift to their CoFish! on the corner... check it out!

Gem City Dinor  
3545 West 12th Street  
Erie, PA 16505





**NPAA Artist Member Passle Helminski** was selected by juror Jennifer for her work *Transition* for the FCCA July 2023 "Touch of Red" National All-Media Exhibit in the Frederick Gallery at the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA).

The Juror Talk/Awards video featuring Jennifer Glave and BJ Kocen will be videotaped and posted on or after First Friday, August 4, 2023, on our YouTube channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCkvxAll60mc9RbU9Z3ug00w> and on our FCCA social media.

Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts  
813 Sophia Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401  
(540) 373-5646  
[www.fccagallery.org](http://www.fccagallery.org)

**NPAA Artist Member Passle Helminski's** work *Waiting* was accepted in this year's Member's exhibition, Into the Blue. The opening reception is Monday, August 7, 3:00-5:00 pm.

Chautauqua Visual Arts  
Fowler-Kellogg Art Center  
Chautauqua Institution  
Chautauqua, NY 14722

**NPAA Artist Member Passle Helminski's** works were accepted into the 2023-24 Art Ability Exhibition and Sale at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital. Art Ability is proud to be celebrating its 28th year!

The annual exhibit and sale will be on display at Bryn Mawr Rehab Hospital from October 28, 2023-January 28, 2024.



**NPAA ARTISTS:  
EVAN EVERHART, BARBARA YERACE,  
GREG ZBACH**

**Synergy** is the interaction of elements that when combined produce a total effect greater than the sum of the individual elements. This exhibit gathers a group of artists specializing in different mediums and materials, that when housed within one space, will channel a similar energy through color, space, and material. Digital art and manipulated photography are placed in juxtaposition with glass and metal, producing a clear, vivid energy... reflective, translucent, metallic, with fields of color and light in space.

Featuring a selection of works by photographers Ellen Anon, Jack Anon, and also digital art by **Greg Zbach**, with metal sculpture by **Evan Everhart**, and works in glass by **Barbara Yerace**.

This exhibit is funded by the Rev. Sylvester Jaworski endowment, named after the Divine Word missionary and photographer who was memorialized in a gift by the late Audrey Hirt '49.

**WHEN**

- October 17-December 8, 2023
- **Opening Reception**
  - **November 2, 2023 5:00-7:00 pm**
- Closed for Thanksgiving Break
  - November 22-26, 2023

**WHERE**

Cummings Art Gallery  
Mercyhurst University  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie, PA 16546



**NPAA ARTISTS:  
JESSICA STADTMUELLER, JODI  
STANIUNAS-HOPPER, ALISON STINELY**

**Art Faculty Exhibition**

*Mercyhurst's Art Department* consists of working artists who are currently exhibiting in the field. Cummings Gallery proudly showcases an exhibit of their latest works. Featuring members of the art faculty: **Jodi Staniunas-Hopper**, Pete Stadtmueller, Heather Denning, **Jessica Stadtmueller**, **Alison Stinely**, and our featured guest alumnus, Curtis Waidley '19.

**WHEN**

- August 23-October 7, 2023
- **Opening Reception**
  - **September 7, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm**
- Closed for Labor Day weekend
  - September 1-4, 2023

**WHERE**

Cummings Art Gallery  
Mercyhurst University  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie, PA 16546

**NPAA ARTIST:  
CAROL POSCH COMSTOCK**

Hosted by the Friends of Chautauqua Visual Arts, **Art in the Park** is an open art fair with 75+ vendors held twice each summer season in Miller Park. Art in the Park showcases art by **NPAA Artist Member, Carol Posch Comstock**, members of the Chautauqua community, artists-in-residence from the School of Art, and artisans from the region around Chautauqua Institution. Items for sale include ceramics, paintings, prints, Chautauqua-themed trinkets, pieces made of upcycled materials, homemade soaps, hand-dyed silk clothing, organic cosmetics, embellished handbags, pet treats, and fine jewelry. Art in the Park also offers entertainment featuring local talent. Art in the Park markets are always planned for Sundays when admission to Chautauqua Institution is free. This allows Art in the Park to be accessible for members of the surrounding community and Institution residents alike.

**WHEN**

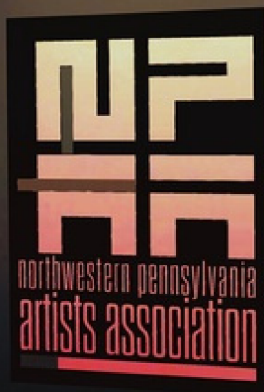
July 2 & August 6, 2023  
11:00-4:00 pm

**WHERE**

Miller Park  
Chautauqua Institution  
One Ames Avenue  
Chautauqua, NY 14722



DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



NPAA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP

Artwork by Kylee Czarkowski