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artists association

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# MEMBERS ON VIEW



## The Women's Club of Erie

Honorary Award to Deborah Vahanian

The event was held at the Galbraith Mansion

April 4, 5 and 6



## The Studio at St. Mary's Spring Open Studios

was held April 5. The event featured many NPAA members including Toni Kelly, Barb Yerace, Sandy Shelenberger, Carol Comstock, Deb Sementelli, Barb Hauck and Kris Risto







# MEMBER FEATURE

I find figures and landscapes equally captivating and utilize both in my paintings. Just about the time I finish a figurative piece I seem to have the desire to paint a landscape, and vice versa. Sometimes I combine the two.

Painting is my passion and my spiritual connection to nature and creation. I loosely describe my style as painterly realism. Usually, my goal is to tell a simple story with paint and I try to give the paint a voice by letting it show itself. Each new painting is special, from the exciting discovery of a new subject, through decisions about light, surface, composition, drawing, color and paint application.

**Brad Lethaby** was born in Erie, PA in 1955. He studied illustration at Columbus College of Art and Design, and received a BFA Degree in 1978. He worked as an illustrator/designer for a toy company in Winter Park, Florida, an art studio in Chicago, IL and a printing shop in Erie. During the following years Brad started his own illustration and design business and in 2000 began painting full time.

Brad is a member of the NPAA.

[www.bradlethaby.com](http://www.bradlethaby.com)





## Evan Everhart

is the featured artist  
the month of April at  
Brew HaHa Espresso  
Bar & Eatery  
in the Colony Plaza  
2612 West 8th Street  
Erie PA 16505



**Brew  
HaHa**  
Espresso Bar and Eatery





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# BIENNIAL



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



Erie Art Museum

Daniel  
Austin's  
Xinye Village  
won a Juror's  
Award



Daniel  
Austin



Justin  
Poole's  
Aristaeus  
received  
the NPAA  
Best in Show  
Award



Justin  
Poole



spring  
Nicole & Harry  
MARTIN | SHOW

Dorothy  
Kloss



Kristen  
Muench



Passle  
Helminski



Rita  
Duris



Tom  
Ferraro



Lynn  
Fizel



Jamie  
Borowicz



Luke  
Gehring



Sandy  
Shelenberger



Tom  
Hubert



Erie Art Museum's  
102ND Annual Nicole & Harry Martin  
**2025 Spring Show**  
featuring these twelve  
NPAA members.





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52<sup>nd</sup> Annual

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*Congratulations*



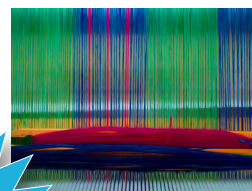
### Juried Art Exhibition

Featuring these four NPAA members  
May 27 – July 17, 2025 in the  
Main Galleries. The awards reception will  
be held on June 7th from 12 - 2pm

Awards presentation at 1pm



Greg  
Zbach's  
Luminous  
was awarded  
First Place



Greg  
Zbach



Rich  
Holmgren



Jodi  
Staniunas Hopper

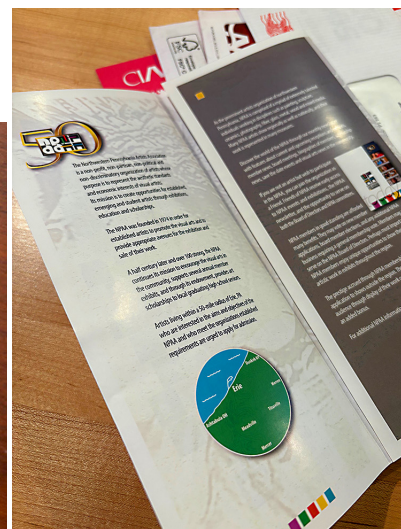


Justin  
Poole



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## Let's talk about the NPAA. *How do I become a member?*

To sustain our membership roles and introduce the NPAA to the public at large, this full color trifold brochure talks about the organization, its history, its mission and most importantly, how to become a member. It will be a featured general marketing tool at upcoming events and exhibits.

*A special thank you to  
Erie Insurance for their  
generous effort to print  
this brochure.*





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# MEMBER NEWS

**A REMINDER** Members . . . continue to refer to our [npaaonline.org](http://npaaonline.org) calendar and bulletin board and update your online portfolios

**NPAA 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](mailto: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

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

**CONSIDER TO** Volunteer to be a NPAA Board Member

