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NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER, 2023



UPCOMING EVENTS

- **NPAA Biennial Reception**
 - **OPEN TO ALL**
 - November 16, 2023
 - 5:00-7:00 pm
 - Erie Art Museum
 - Cashier's House
- **NEW MEMBER VOTE**
 - **ONLY Artist Members can vote**
 - November 17, 2023
 - 6:00 pm
 - Private location
- **Open ALL MEMBER Board Meeting**
 - **OPEN TO ALL MEMBERS**
 - November 28, 2023
 - 6:00 pm
 - Zoom meeting
- Evan Everhart, Barbara Yerace, Greg Zbach
 - *Synergy*
 - October 17-December 8, 2023
 - Cummings Art Gallery
- Holiday Show featuring Carol Comstock, Fred Fiedler, Amy Hahn, Leah Humphries, Rhonda Peterson
 - Gallery Night & Holiday Party
 - December 15, 2023
 - 5:00-10:00 pm
 - Glass Growers Gallery

DISCOVER A WORLD OF CREATIVITY:
ATTEND OUR BIENNIAL EXHIBITION.



November 16, 2023
5:00-7:00 pm

NPAA BIENNIAL EXHIBITION
ERIE ART MUSEUM
NPAA20 EAST 5TH STREET
ERIE, PA 16507

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EXHIBITION

MAKERS MARKET

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 25
10-4

The Boston Store
716 State St

Erie Arts & Culture is pleased to offer the Western Pennsylvania Maker Market in partnership with Erie Downtown Partnership's Small Business Saturday celebration at the Historic Boston Store. This holiday season, support a curated selection of Pennsylvania-based makers!



*IN MEMORIAM
NPAA ARTIST MATTA D.*

Born Joan Matta on August 3, 1938, in Pittsburgh, she was married to artist John Silk Deckard for 35 years until his death in 1994. The couple had two children, Nicole Deckard Stanger and Silk St. John Matta Deckard, who survive.

Joan Matta Deckard died November 14, 2023 at UPMC Hamot in Erie. "She was like her artwork: full of life and eclectic and eccentric, full of color, enthusiastic, vivacious," Palermo said.

A master printmaker and a sculptor, Matta D. believed "art should be all over the place" and that it enhances quality of life, Palermo said. He said she had worked out of her artist studio on Wattsburg Road in Greene Township for 60 years.

He also said she was a feminist in her own right and chose to use the name Matta D. to establish her independence.

Her son, who lives in Erie, said she was a good mother and artist and that her prints and artworks supported their family while his father worked on more expensive pieces. Deckard made the sculpture known as "Eternal Vigilance" that is in front of the Erie Art Museum on State Street.

John Vanco, who retired as the Erie Art Museum's executive director in 2017, said John and Joan Deckard were two of the first artists he met when going to work at the museum almost 50 years earlier.

He said Matta D.'s work was very popular and she sold a lot of it.

"The work she did early on, especially rather complex multi-colored drypoint engravings, were exceptional," Vanco said. He said every print was hand-inked and all the colors were put in at once in a laborious process that used plexiglass and was a technical innovation.

Palermo said Matta D.'s artwork was owned by celebrities including Tony Bennett, Farrah Fawcett and Liberace.

Her work was featured in shows and exhibited in Paris, New York, Philadelphia, Washington, D.C., and more cities, according to information provided by Palermo. He said Matta D. was his grandmother's best friend for many years and he became a surrogate grandson to her. She also is survived by a grandson, Deckard Stanger, and a great-grandson, Ivan Stanger, of Columbus, Ohio. Her daughter lives in Chagrin Falls, Ohio.

Matta D. was always interested in the community's best interests, helping to raise money for local organizations including WQLN through its art auction and other charity art events, Palermo and Vanco said. She also helped with the Erie Summer Festival of the Arts, Palermo said. She had received a Distinguished Alumni Award from Edinboro University.



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NEW NPAA ARTIST

MEMBER VOTE

NOVEMBER 17, 2023

6:00 PM

*** ONLY ARTIST MEMBERS CAN VOTE ***

THE ROYCROFTERS-AT-LARGE ASSOCIATION

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winter festival

2023

Roycroft
Artisans

at the

PARK
SCHOOL

4625 Harlem Road ■ Amherst, New York

December 2 & 3

10 am - 5 pm

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NPAA Artist Member
CJ Hurley

Pomegranate Communications has made a 2024 Calendar featuring 12 of, NPAA Member, CJ Hurley's art. The calendar is titled: "The Lure of the Land," and showcases the part real-part imagined world that inhabits CJ's paintings. This is the third Hurley calendar produced by Pomegranate, and a fourth is currently in the production phases for 2025.

The calendars can be purchased at:
The National Transit Building
206 Seneca Street
Studio 22D
Oil City, PA 16301

Or directly from Pomegranate:
pomegranate.com/collections/cj-hurley

CJ HURLEY
THE LURE OF THE LAND

In both his paintings and his design work, CJ Hurley strives to reclaim the idea that art is a way of life. Using his art as a lens to interpret the world around him, Hurley creates images that evoke peace and abundance as we take in the beauty of nature. With his inspiring landscapes that abound with colors and textures, Hurley exemplifies the raw, unrefined elements that he so admires. Known for incorporating human-made structures into his otherwise wild paintings, he does so in a way that highlights the interwoven relationship between natural and built environments. Bear witness to the lure of the land as you journey through 12 of Hurley's stunning creations in this calendar.

CJ HURLEY
THE LURE OF THE LAND

2024 WALL CALENDAR



NPAA Artist Member
CJ Hurley

NPAA member artist, CJ Hurley is participating in the 2023 Artists Sunday event in Oil City, PA. Artists Sunday is a national event dedicated to support for artists, and was founded in 2020 as an alternative to the "big box" shopping promoted by "Black Friday."

Artists Sunday is a nationwide effort showcasing art on a day committed to encouraging shoppers to support artists and give unique, special and hand-crafted gifts during the holiday season. "Shop art, Shop small!"

In addition to CJ, artists from around the Oil City community will be hosting open studios, sales and pop-ups at local businesses. There will be performing artists, writers, illustrators, jewelers, painters, printmakers, sculptors, ceramic artists and more! CJ will be set up in his studio at the National Transit Building, 206 Seneca St. Studio 22D, Oil City, PA.

Artists Sunday is a great day to show your support for the many self-employed artists and crafts people who bring beauty to, and contribute to the artistic legacy of our region.





Mission Statement

Creating opportunities for established, emerging and student artists through exhibitions, education, and scholarships.

Help us grow their future!

NPAA has a Scholarship Endowment Fund through the Erie Community Foundation. The Fund is to develop a financial source of funds to generate scholarships for high school seniors planning to study art at higher educational institutions.

Will you join us in growing the NPAA Endowment Fund?

Our goal is to raise \$75,000 by the end of 2023, \$100,000 by the end of 2024. To date, we've raised \$53,350. This is a tremendous opportunity for NPAA and YOU to help talented high school seniors continue their visual arts education.

Here are ways you can help:

1. Join us by donating, whatever the amount.
Note: Gifts of \$2,000 or more may be paid in installments.
2. Encourage your friends, your family, co-workers, and the business where you work to donate to the Endowment. If desired, one of us from the Endowment Committee would be glad to speak with any potential donor.

Four ways to donate:

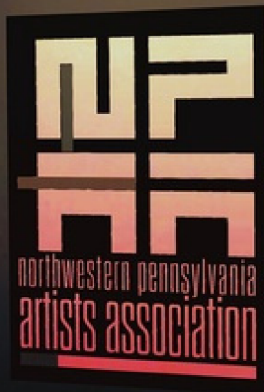
1. Visit npaaonline.org and click on "Endowment donation".
2. Write a check to: NPAA, P.O. Box 6156, Erie, PA 16512.
3. Visit eriecommunityfoundation.org and search Northwestern Pennsylvania Artists Association to donate online.
4. Contribute stocks, property, and legacy gifts by contacting Ricardo Giles at the Erie Community Foundation, 814-413-7341.



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Together we can help future generations of artists.

DO YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES?



NPAA 2024 SCHOLARSHIP

Artwork by Kylee Czarkowski