

NEW



NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY, 2023



NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: PASSLE HELMINSKI

Passle's work *Winter Cracks* has been selected for the *Cold of Winter* National All-Media Exhibit in the Frederick Gallery, in the Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts!

Cold of Winter
December, 2022-January, 2023
Frederick Gallery
Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts
813 Sophia Street
Fredericksburg, VA 22401
(540) 373-5646

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Passle Helmski
 - *Art of the State 2022*, The State Museum of Pennsylvania
 - September 11-January 15, 2023
 - *Cold of Winter*, Frederick Gallery
 - December, 2022-January, 2023
- *Surface*
 - Bruce Gallery
 - September 14, 2022-February 1, 2023
- Art After Dark
 - Erie Art Museum
 - January 5, 2023, 5:00-8:00 pm
- Barbara Yerace
 - *The Spirit of Animals and other Beaded Works*, Glass Growers Gallery
 - January 13-March 6, 2023
 - Opening Reception
 - January 20, 2023
 - 6:00-9:00 pm
- Open ALL MEMBER Board Meeting
 - January 24, 6:00 pm
- Toni Kelly
 - Solo show, Octagon Gallery, Westfield, NY
 - March 24, 2023-April 21, 2023
- Rachael Burke
 - Class Growers Gallery
 - June 16-July 24, 2023
 - Opening Reception
 - June 23, 2023
 - 6:00-9:00 pm



NPAA WELCOMES 4 NEW ARTIST MEMBERS



Jane Davis

Jane Davis moved from Seattle, Washington to Erie, Pennsylvania in 2014. She paints landscapes mostly, on a spectrum of color, size and abstraction. She exhibits her work locally in NW PA and NE Ohio.



Lori Ditritch

"Over the years, I have experimented with a variety of mediums but in the last ten I seem to always come back to pysanky. I have gained respect for the unforgiving art form of batik and have grown to love the intricacy of the egg designs and the challenge of making it work on a curved surface."



Brittany Duryee

"My favorite thing about photography is its fluidity as an artistic medium and that I can wear so many hats as a photographer. I can be a philosopher, set designer, fashion/costume designer, director, and storyteller."

Find her on Instagram @britt_anyduryee



Todd Paropacic

Todd Paropacic is an Erie-based singer-songwriter, poet, and digital painter. He has 5 cats, an Australian shepherd, and plays a lot of video games. Todd works at the Erie Art Museum as the Visitor Services Coordinator and he sings in a lounge duo that is currently being renamed.



**NPAA ARTIST MEMBER:
JOE KROL**

Joe Krol has been teaching a FREE daytime adult acrylic painting/color class at the Inner City Neighborhood Art House, **Thursdays, 10:00 to 1:00 pm.** This **free, all materials included class**, focuses on simplified Munsell color theory and an efficient step-by-step technique, working from broad generalities of warm chromatic lights, local color, and cool neutral darks to modulation of color and application of subtleties and detail. **Class resumes Thursday, January 12, 2023.**

Anyone interested should call Sarah at the Art House at (814) 455-5508 to register.

*IN MEMORIAM
NPAA ARTIST MEMBER
DAVID PRATTE*

Ronald "David" Pratte, 79, of Erie, passed Friday, December 23, 2022 in Erie, PA. He was born in San Diego, CA on June 20, 1943, a son of the late Firman Pratte and Bernice Norris Boggs.

David attended Escondido School District before moving to New York City, Erie, Santa Cruz, and settling in Erie, PA.

David was a well-known and respected part of our local artist scenes in Erie and Meadville. A beatnik hippie with a love for underground comics, the world of lowbrow art, and film noirs, he loved spending time with his two children and four grandchildren. David was an Artist at Media Play until his retirement and a member of the Northwest Pennsylvania Artist Association. He enjoyed throwing his Annual Artist Labor Day Party as a chance to get together with friends and fellow artists to share and discuss their craft.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a special grandmother, Alta Pratte, who lived to be 101.

He is survived by his life partner, Virginia Monroe of Erie; his children, Oden (Donna) and Shaina Pratte, both of Phoenixville, Pa, his grandchildren, Ben, twins Sophia and Ryan, and Mars Pratte, all of Phoenixville, Pa, his brothers, Douglas, Rodney (Linda), and Wesley (Lisa) Pratte, all of Escondido, California; his sisters, Sharon (Gary) Connelly of Austin, TX and Diana (Jerry) Francis of Apple Valley, California; and his beloved cats, Sheldon and Oreo.



Dedicated to Helping Inner-City Youth of Erie, PA, the mission of the Benedictine Sisters of Erie Inner-City Neighborhood Art House is to enable youth to experience beauty, grow in positive self-expression and self-discipline, and develop into full and productive human beings

201 East 10th Street
Erie, PA 16503

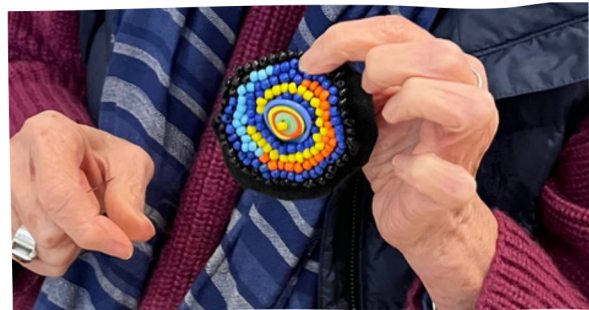


Beaded Art Workshop

with Barbara Yerace



DECEMBER 14, 2022



**TINY PAPER BOATS
ART AFTER DARK
5:00-8:00 PM
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2023
ERIE ART MUSEUM**

The Highmark Art After Dark music series takes place on the first Thursday of the month. Take a tour of the galleries and enjoy drinks and light refreshments at 5:00 pm, and stay for the live music playing from 6:00-8:00 pm! January 5th will feature Tiny Paper Boats.

Check out the latest exhibit – "Eighty-Six Reasons for Asylum Admission," which includes sculptures and paintings by Kimberly Chapman inspired by the West Virginia Trans-Allegheny Lunatic Asylum's "Reasons for Admission" that inventoried preconditions for mental illness. You'll also be able to flow freely indoors between the Museum, Glass Growers Gallery, The Dollhouse at Pointe Four, Primo Tailoring, and SHE Vintage.

Our bar will be open and free light snacks available.

Art After Dark is Free for Museum members. First time memberships start at \$15. Please note that they are still requiring Museum admission for non-members, and you will be required to check in with Museum staff to join Art After Dark if you enter through any of the businesses mentioned above.



Erie Art Museum

**NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA
ARTISTS ASSOCIATION HIGH
SCHOOL SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP
ART SHOW AT THE BRUCE
GALLERY, EDINBORO CAMPUS,
PENNWEST UNIVERSITY**

OPEN TO

Erie, Crawford, and Warren highschool seniors graduating in Spring, 2023

FREE TO ENTER/CASH PRIZES!

SHOW LOCATION

Bruce Gallery, Doucette Hall
PennWest Edinboro
215 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16444

APPLICATION

Applications and information may be made online at <https://www.npaaonline.org/scholarship.html> from November 9-January 9, 2023.

NOTIFICATION

The NPAA will notify all applicants regarding the status of their application on or before January 25, 2023

DROPOFF

Accepted applicants will deliver up to three artworks to the PennWest Bruce Gallery on:

Wednesday, February 1, 2023, 3:00-5:00 pm
Saturday, February 4, 2023, 10:00-1:00 pm

Lisa Austin, Bruce Gallery Director
Bruce Gallery, Doucette Hall
PennWest Edinboro
215 Meadville Street
Edinboro, PA 16444

EXHIBITION

February 17-March 18, 2023
Closed March 2-12, 2023, for Spring Break

AWARD RECEPTION

Scholarship recipients will be announced at the reception, Friday, February 17, 2023, 5:00-7:00pm

CLOSING RECEPTION

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 12:00 - 1:00pm

PICKUP

Saturday, March 18, 2023, 1:00 - 1:30pm

QUESTIONS?

Email scholarship@npaaonline.org





Sandy Tanner
Ethereal Thread



Herm Weber
Homework



Mary Rosiak
Thirteen Days



Deborah Sementelli
Gesture in Thread



NPAA HOLIDAY SHOW AND PARTY DECEMBER 16, 2022



Joyce Perowicz
Pond Life

DON'T MISS THESE OTHER EVENTS

"FINDING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS" ART EXHIBITION

Visit the Cummings Art Gallery for **"Finding Order Out of Chaos," Monday, January 16- Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2023.**

There will also be a reception on Thursday, January 26, from 5:00-7:00 pm.

No one was untouched by the effects of COVID-19. The pandemic presented new fears, financial concerns, and isolation. As we collectively scrambled to navigate the "new normal" of working remotely in quarantine, counselors were adapting to the new world of telehealth, while also balancing their own lives and self-care.

For art therapists, this process involves creating "response art." Diane Fleisch Hughes is an art therapist/counselor and multi-media figurative artist based in Cleveland, Ohio. Her works layer different media with expressive figurative drawing to portray the emotional state of her subject and the environment in which they find themselves.

"Art therapists use response art to contain difficult material, express and examine their own experiences, and share their experiences with others. I have found that mixed media collage is immediate and intuitive, which for me best describes how I am going forward."

— Diane Fleisch Hughes



9*14*2022|2*1*2023
reception: **thursday|october 6|5-7pm**
hours & events posted at brucegallery.info

featuring: **Murjoni Merriweather**
ceramic mixed-media sculptures

Madeline Schwartzman
performance photographs & videos

bruce gallery presents
SURFACE
portraits re-examined

including works by:

Jaroslav Bedkowski+
Edgar Degas+Dennis Doyle+
Edward Eberly+Bill Fick+
Jasper Johns+Françoise
Gilot+Pinchas Litvinovsky+
Ayanah Moor+Pablo Picasso
+Georges Rouault+Bill
Sanders+Jenny Schmid+
Raphael Soyer+Carol Werder
+artists from Africa+Japan+
Tibet+Hanna-Barbera.



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