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NORTHWESTERN PENNSYLVANIA ARTISTS ASSOCIATION

## NEWSLETTER

APRIL, 2023



### UPCOMING EVENTS

- Marsha Cisek/Barbara Yerace
  - *Women Love the Arts*
  - Schuster Gallery, Gannon University
  - March 31, reception
- Deb Berkbile
  - *Earth in Three Bands: R, G, B*
  - West Woods Nature Center
  - January 20-April 30, 2023
- Open ALL MEMBER Board Meeting
  - April 25, 2023, 6:00 pm
- Toni Kelly
  - *Naturally Inspired*, Octagon Gallery, Westfield, NY
  - March 24, 2023-April 21, 2023
- Rachael Burke
  - Glass Growers Gallery
    - June 16-July 24, 2023
  - Opening Reception
    - June 23, 2023, 6:00-9:00 pm

### WOMEN LOVE THE ARTS EXHIBITION



CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH WITH ART FROM LOCAL, REGIONAL AND GLOBAL WOMEN

#### RECEPTION & EXHIBIT

Friday, March 31, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm

March 4-April 14, 2023

#### WHERE

Schuster Gallery, Gannon University  
700 Peach Street  
Erie, PA 16501

#### FEATURED ARTISTS

Julie Berkowitz  
Grace Bingham

#### Marsha Cisek

Marcy Hall  
Ghadah Hussein  
Patti Larson  
Minnie Lawrie  
Brittany Lene  
Nadya Makay  
Kate Nash

#### Deb Sementelli

Jesse Simmons  
Julie Taylor

Lynne Van Volkenburg

#### Stephanie Wood

#### Barbara Yerace



Gallery is open Tuesday-Friday, 11:00-4:00 pm and by appointment (email [steadman005@gannon.edu](mailto:steadman005@gannon.edu))



# WELL DONE!

## 100TH ANNUAL | NICOLE & HARRY MARTIN SPRING SHOW & NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: DEBORAH SEMENTELLI

The Erie Art Museum received submissions from over 260 artists living, working, or studying within 250 miles of the City of Erie, Pennsylvania!

### WHEN

March 17-August 11, 2023

### WHERE

Erie Art Museum  
20 East 5th Street  
Erie, PA 16507

**NPAA Artist Member, Deborah Sementelli, was awarded the NPAA ALL MEMBER vote for Best in Show for *The Yellow Chair* and was awarded \$500!**



CONGRATULATIONS

## NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: PASSLE HELMINSKI

Artists with vision loss from across the country submit over 100 pieces each year. A jury of professionals in the art world select the works to be included in the exhibit. They make their choices based solely on artistic merit and know nothing about the artists' visual impairment.

The artwork draws you in. You find yourself focusing on the artistic vision, not the artist's visual impairment. All the artists share a passion to express themselves through their art; sharing with the world their reality.

The event is not only a fantastic evening to celebrate the exhibit; it is a way for Second Sense to further our mission. Guests are amazed at the range of work and the talent of the artists. They see that vision loss does not stop a person from pursuing their dreams – whether they dream to create art, teach others, or simply live independently.

### WHEN

April 27, 2023, 6:00-9:00 pm

### WHERE

Passionate Focus Art Exhibit and Auction  
Fairmont Hotel in Chicago  
65 East Wacker Place, Suite 1010  
Chicago, IL 60601

**NPAA Artist Member, Passle Helminski's work, *Red Dog*, was awarded Second Place in The Passionate Focus Art Exhibit and Auction!**



# DON'T MISS THESE OTHER EVENTS

## BEACH 11 HANDMADE MARKETPLACE RETURNS IN 2023

Back by popular demand - it's the multi-day celebration, Discover Presque Isle (DPI)! Spread throughout the park, DPI offers dozens of recreational and educational opportunities for the whole crew.

Visitors can enjoy a variety of activities such as self-guided and in-person hikes, archery, catered pancake breakfasts, live music, sand sculpture competition, giant bonfire, and Presque Isle Lighthouse tours.

### WHEN

Friday, July 28, 2023, 12:00-8:00 pm  
Saturday, July 29, 2023, 10:00-8:00 pm  
Sunday, July 30, 2023 10:00-4:00 pm

### WHERE

Beach 11 with host crafters, artisans, children's area, food trucks and more.

### BENEFIT

All proceeds will benefit Presque Isle State Park via Presque Isle Partnership.

As an official non-profit partner to Presque Isle State Park, the Presque Isle Partnership generates private support and builds strategic partnerships to serve the park's growing needs. All our energy is focused on making Presque Isle the best park it can be, to make your experience the most enjoyable throughout the seasons.

For more information/application:  
<https://www.discoverpi.com/assets/documents/2023-Crafter-Artisan-App-f.pdf>

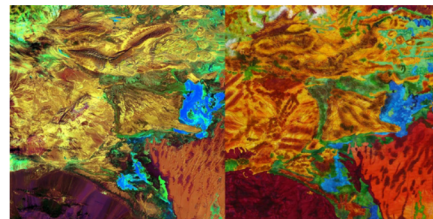


## NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: DEB BERKEBILE

Deb Berkebile was interviewed by a journalist from Applause regarding her newest exhibit, *Earth in Three Bands: R, G, B*. It was released on February 10, 2023 via IdeaStream Public Media, which features Applause, airing Fridays at 8:30 pm.

The interview can be watched at this link:  
<https://www.ideastream.org/arts-culture/2023-02-13/conneaut-artist-brings-satellite-images-to-her-quilting>

Deb's exhibit can be found at:  
*Earth in Three Bands: R, G, B*  
West Woods Nature Center  
January 20-April 30, 2023



## NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: PASSLE HELMINSKI

### WHEN

April 1-28, 2023  
"Artist Choice" All-Media Exhibit National Exhibit

### WHERE

Frederick Gallery, Fredericksburg Center for the Creative Arts (FCCA)  
813 Sophia Street  
Fredericksburg, VA 22401



# DON'T MISS THESE OTHER EVENTS

## NPAA ARTIST MEMBER: TONI KELLY

### Solo Show: Naturally Inspired Octagon Gallery at Patterson Library

March 24-April 21, 2023  
Reception March 24, 2023, 5:00-7:00 pm  
Westfield, NY

### Downtown Edinboro Art & Music Festival

May 19-21, 2023  
Goodell Gardens and Homestead  
221 Waterford Street  
Edinboro, PA 16412



### Wild America Nature Festival

July 29 & 30, 2023  
Panama Rocks Scenic Park  
11 Rock Hill Road  
Panama NY 14767

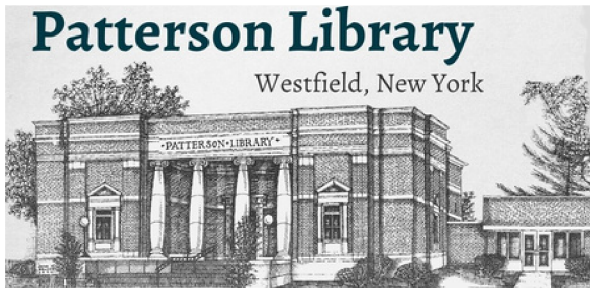


### A Stir of Artists

July 8-9 & August 12-13, 2023  
Bemus Point, NY

### Wild Wind Folk Art

September 9 & 10, 2023  
Warren County Fair Grounds  
371 Barton Run  
Pittsfield, PA 16340



## DAFMARK DANCE THEATER A PLAY FOR THE SENSES

A program of original choreography by  
Dafna Rathouse Baier

### FEATURING:

Kelly Armor  
**Marsha Cisek**  
Casey Corritore  
Jennifer Dennehy  
Preach Freedom  
Kara Gladney

*Dance, music, theatre, the visual arts, and  
literature*

*Joining hands in a creative commentary  
on the present*

### WHEN

Friday, April 21, 2023  
8:00 pm  
\$15 General Admission

Saturday, April 22, 2023  
8:00 pm  
\$30 General Admission

A wine, cheese & dessert reception will  
follow the performance

### WHERE

Dafmark Dance Theatre  
1033 State Street  
Erie, PA 16501

For information or reservations email  
dafmark@gmail.com



# MERCYHURST UNIVERSITY

## ANGÉLIQUE KIDJO

Over the last three decades, Angélique Kidjo has cemented her status as one of the most singular and extraordinary voices in international music, inspiring countless artists with her ingenuity, eclecticism, and seemingly boundless creative spirit. On her new album, *Mother Nature*, the five-time Grammy Award-winning luminary joins forces with many of her musical progeny, including some of the most captivating young creators of West African music, Afrobeats, Afro-pop, dancehall, hip-hop, and alt-R&B. Kidjo has garnered an abundance of accolades through the years, including being anointed “Africa’s premier diva” by Time magazine and “the undisputed queen of African music” by the London Telegraph, as well as landing on The Guardian’s list of the Top 100 Most Inspiring Women in the World.

### WHEN

April 13, 2023  
7:30 pm

### WHERE

Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center  
Mercyhurst University  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie, PA 16546  
(814) 824-3000



## RAW EDGES

Join the Mercyhurst Dancers as they celebrate 25 years of cutting-edge choreography. With an exciting mix of music and themes, “Raw Edges XXV” features innovative dance works by emerging artists. Included on the program is an interactive intermission Q&A session with the program’s choreographers as they discuss their inspirations and creative processes. Experience an audience favorite and Mercyhurst tradition at “Raw Edges XXV.”

### WHEN

April 28, 2023 7:00 pm  
April 29, 2023 2:00 pm & 7:00 pm  
April 30, 2023 2:00 pm

### WHERE

Mary D'Angelo Performing Arts Center  
Mercyhurst University  
501 East 38th Street  
Erie, PA 16546  
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### MISSION STATEMENT

THE MERCYHURST INSTITUTE FOR ARTS & CULTURE STRENGTHENS THE VIBRANCY OF THE ERIE REGION BY PRESENTING WORLD-CLASS PERFORMING ARTS EXPERIENCES THAT LIFT THE SPIRIT, GALVANIZE THE INTELLECT, STIMULATE THE IMAGINATION, AND ENCOURAGE THE FREE EXCHANGE OF IDEAS. BY MAKING THESE PROGRAMS AVAILABLE AND ACCESSIBLE TO THE BROADEST POSSIBLE AUDIENCE, THE INSTITUTE STRIVES TO CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF RICHLY VARIED, INCLUSIVE CULTURAL EXPERIENCES.

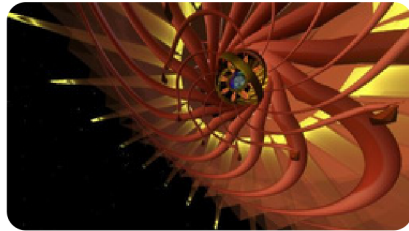
# LOOKING FOR SOMETHING ELSE?

## THE WHITNEY ART MUSEUM ARTPORT

artport is the Whitney Museum's portal to Internet art and an online gallery space for commissions of net art and new media art. Originally launched in 2001, artport provides access to original art works commissioned specifically for artport by the Whitney, documentation of net art and new media art exhibitions at the Whitney, and new media art in the Museum's collection.

### WHERE

<https://whitney.org/artport>



FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: AURIEA HARVEY: SITE1 (2023), MIMI QNQHA: 40% OF FOOD IN THE US IS WASTED (HOW THE HELL IS THAT PROGRESS, MAN?) (2022), RACHEL ROSSIN: THE MAW OF (2022)

## BUFFALO AKG ART MUSEUM CLYFFORD STILL: A LEGACY FOR BUFFALO

Clyfford Still, the iconic and enigmatic painter, once avowed of his abstractions: "These are not paintings in the usual sense; they are life and death merging in fearful union." In 1957, the Albright Art Gallery (now the Buffalo AKG Art Museum) acquired its first painting by Still (American, 1904–1980). In the years that followed, then-Director Gordon Smith and Chairman of the Board, Seymour H. Knox, Jr. developed a unique relationship with the visionary artist whose early innovations in abstraction had helped pave the way for the Abstract Expressionist movement. Smith invited Still to select the works and oversee the installation of his first museum survey exhibition, *Paintings by Clyfford Still*, which opened two years later in 1959. Through the artist's correspondence with Smith and numerous visits to Buffalo, Still became convinced that the museum should permanently house a major group of his works, and in 1964 he donated thirty-one canvases dating from 1937 to 1963, which span experimental early abstractions influenced by surrealism to examples of his increasingly spare late style.

Still's trust in Buffalo made it the preeminent place in which to experience his works as a group rather than singly, illustrating the evolution of his career. (This honor the Buffalo AKG now shares with Denver's Clyfford Still Museum, founded in 2011.) The inaugural installation of the new Buffalo AKG Art Museum is a time to recognize the extraordinary debt the museum and its community owe to the artists in the Collection who have entrusted or have allowed their work to be entrusted to our care. This exhibition includes all thirty-three of the museum's paintings by Still alongside documentation of Still's relationship with Buffalo from the museum's archives. After this exhibition, a smaller selection of Still's works will always be found in the context of the museum's permanent collection in a dedicated gallery.

### WHEN

May 25, 2023-February 19, 2024

### WHERE

Buffalo AKG Art Museum  
1285 Elmwood Avenue  
Buffalo, New York 1422

