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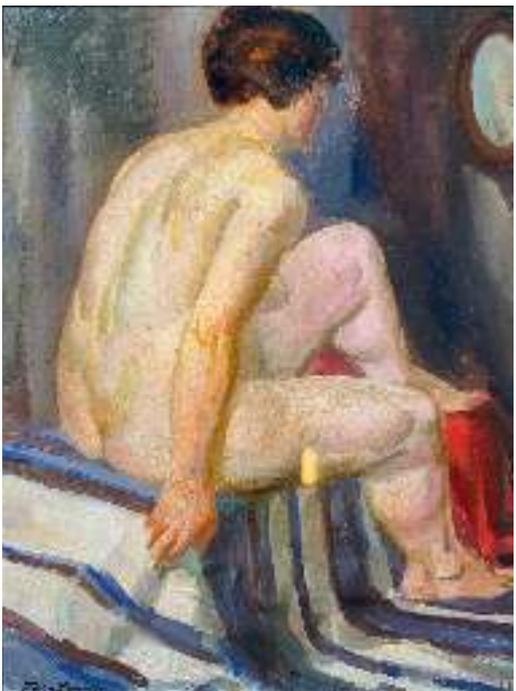
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# Behind the Scenes

Research by Matthew Coté



*Little White Nude: Before Restoration*



*Little White Nude: After Restoration*

The excitement was palpable last fall when *Little White Nude*, by Ashcan School artist John Sloan, was rediscovered in Erie Art Museum's collection. John Sloan's work stood in opposition to the art of American Impressionists in the early 20th century and helped spark a new era of American Modernism. With the reorganization and clean-up of the Museum's collection in 2019, it allowed for the piece to be reexamined. As with many pieces in our collection, there was minimal paperwork and practically no research originally included with the piece. With not much to go on it took three months of extensive investigation to uncover the intriguing story.

After its sale in 1945 during a horribly organized exhibition called, *The Hall of Art*, the piece had completely disappeared. It didn't reappear again until 1993, in the possession of Samuel L. Rosenfeld, Director of Rosenfeld Fine Arts in New York. When the painting was cleaned and restored it was discovered that alterations had been made. Luckily, they were easily removed during the restoration process. It is unknown what the alterations had intended to achieve. It is possible that earlier restoration efforts were taken but not done well. Another explanation could be that the owner who altered the painting was not aware of what they had and changed the painting to suit their tastes. We most likely will never know.

The piece was eventually sold to Herbert S. and Carol G. Diamond who were friends of Rosenfeld. After enjoying the piece for about a decade the Diamonds donated the piece, along with many other works in their private collection, to the Erie Art Museum in 2012. *Little White Nude* is available to be viewed at the Erie Art Museum by request.

The research for *Little White Nude* was done with great help and contributions from the staff of the Delaware Art Museum that holds the majority of Sloan's art and archival collections.

# ARTrageous

**ARTrageous is set for June 13, 2020 from 7 – 11 pm**

From the moment you walk into the Museum expect the unexpected. Food, music, dancing, art and more. A who's who of Erie's movers and shakers. Sponsorships still available. New sponsorship packages this year including the popular small business sponsorship level. For a \$250 sponsorship small businesses get two tickets (\$200) to the event plus promotion. Tickets go on sale soon.



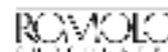
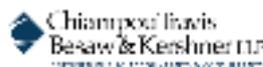
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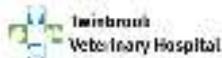
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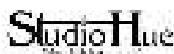
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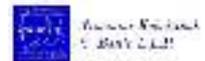
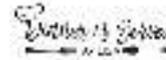
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# What's On

March/April/May

## ON VIEW



### EVERYTHING BUT THE SHELVES

Through July 31, 2020

With all the work being done cataloging and evaluating our collection over the past 18 months, this project is about introducing the people of Erie to their art collection. It's about starting conversations about what is art and in what ways can the Museum's collecting practices best serve the community. It's about taking stock of the past to shape the future. It may take a few visits to get to see it all but it's worth it.

Sponsored by: **Dr. Richard & Janine Dreyfus** **ErieMultimedia**

## FORGERY HOUR

May 1 from 6 – 7 pm

Ever look at a famous work of art and think "I could do that"? Well here's your chance. The challenge? Can you counterfeit a famous work of art from our collection? We'll provide the materials and even have an artist on hand to help you make your fake. \$15 plus the price of admission for non-members and \$10 for members. Register online; seating is limited.

## EAM PAINT NIGHTS



March 5, April 17 & May 8 from 6 – 7 pm

What's better than an evening full of painting and \$2 beers? Not a damn thing. Paints, brushes, and guidance all provided. \$10 plus the price of admission for non-members and \$5 for members. Register online; seating is limited.

## PEEP SHOW



April 5 from 12 – 2 pm

No! Not like that! It's an art making competition where people make things out of marshmallow peeps. Prizes awarded for best art historical reference, most creative use of peep, etc. Day of submissions only. Judging begins at 1 pm.

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## ON VIEW



### BILL BRADY

Through August 1, 2020

It doesn't take much to enjoy the work of local artist Bill Brady. Playful, beautiful and touchable. Bill's sculptures are easily some of the most beloved things at the Museum.

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## OPEN LATE

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS

Open till 9 pm

Stop by after work or before dinner to grab a \$2 beer, listen to live music, make art or just hang. FREE parking after 5 pm.

## GALLERY NIGHT



April 24, 2020 from 7 – 10 pm

The Erie Art Museum is the place to be on Gallery Night. It's the opening of the Nicole & Harry Martin Spring Show. Now in its 97th year, this juried exhibition features the best work by regional artists. Plus works by Felix Gonzales-Torres, Brett Kern, Chuck Johnson and Bill Brady. The Division Street Machine will be playing in our main gallery. \$2 beers, live music, art and more! Cover charge is \$3 for non-members and FREE for members.

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## SECOND SUNDAYS

Second Sundays are perfect for spending time with your kids or grandkids at the Museum. Different art making activities every month plus admission is Pay-What-You-Wish.

### STAINED GLASS ART

March 8 from 2 – 4 pm

We're making suncatchers that look like stained glass, Sunday, March 8th at the Erie Art Museum. We'll provide everything you need, just bring your creativity. Pay-what-you-wish from 2 – 4 pm. Let us know you're coming [erieartmuseum.org/events/stainedglass](http://erieartmuseum.org/events/stainedglass).

### DESIGN AN EGG

April 19 from 2 – 4 pm

We're egg-cited to see you Sunday, April 19th as we design beautiful paper eggs for Spring. Pay-what-you-wish from 2 – 4 pm. Let us know you're coming, [erieartmuseum.org/events/eggdesigns](http://erieartmuseum.org/events/eggdesigns).

### SLIME TIME

May 3 from 2 – 4 pm

Are your kids into making slime? Save yourself the mess and come to the Erie Art Museum Sunday, May 3rd. All the fun and none of the clean-up. Pay-what-you-wish from 2 – 4 pm. Let us know you're coming, [erieartmuseum.org/events/slime](http://erieartmuseum.org/events/slime).

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# Spring SHOW

Nicole & Harry  
MARTIN

**April 24 – September 6, 2020**

Presented in partnership with Edinboro University, the Spring Show is an annual juried exhibition of local and regional art. This year's Spring Show will be judged by Aruna D'Souza. D'Souza writes about modern and contemporary art; intersectional feminisms and other forms of politics; and how museums shape our views of each other and the world. To submit works to the show, register online.

## **ARTIST HAPPY HOUR**

**March 12 & March 19 from 5 – 8 pm**

Got Spring Show submissions to drop off? Do it during happy hour. Stop by after work or before dinner to drop off your work, grab a beer and just hang out. Can't make it to Happy Hour, see our website for more drop off dates.

## **AN EVENING WITH THE JUROR: ARUNA D'SOUZA**

**April 2 at 6:30 pm at Edinboro University**

In addition to serving as this year's juror, D'Souza will engage with students and faculty at Edinboro University as well as present a free public lecture on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at 6:30 pm. Check [erieartmuseum.org](http://erieartmuseum.org) for more details.

## **ALL DAY ART SALE**

**April 4 from 11 am – 5 pm**

For those of you who submit work to the Spring Show but don't get in, no worries. We're hosting an all-day art sale. Let's face it, there's a lot of great work that does not make it into the Spring Show that deserves to be seen! No commission. Cash and check only. Buyers deal directly with artists. Beats lugging your stuff home.

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## LIVE MUSIC



**March 28, April 4, & May 2 open till 9 pm**

We're keeping the Museum open late Saturdays for live music. Bands start at 7 pm. Price of admission for non-members and FREE for members. Bar opens at 5 pm. Stop by after dinner or pre-party with us. \$2 beers, live music in a perfect setting. FREE parking after 5 pm.

## ART CLASS



### **PRECIOUS METAL JEWELRY MAKING**

with Jan & Dan Niebauer

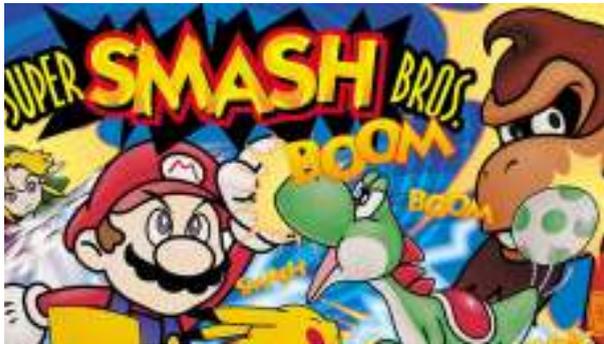
In this class you'll learn basic and advanced jewelry making techniques. Make and follow your own project plan from start to finish. Register online.

**Class Meets: 4/8, 4/15, 4/22, 4/29, 5/6, 5/13, and 5/20 from 7 – 9 pm**

**\$125 (\$100 Members)**

Materials not included, tools provided for use.

## N64 TOURNAMENT



### N64 SMASH BROS TOURNAMENT

April 10 from 6 – 8 pm

That's right millennials! The EAM is hosting a N64 Smash Brothers Tournament. If video games are an artform (and they certainly are), then Smash Brothers is a bonafide masterpiece. We'll have games going on all over the building. \$10 buy-in. Single elimination. Cash prizes for those who finish in the top three. Register online.

## ON VIEW



### BRETT KERN: THE LOST WORLD

Through August 16, 2020

The tagline of *Jurassic Park: The Lost World* reads "Something has Survived", and this is undeniably true for Brett Kern. What survived? Brett's infatuation with the pop culture of the 80s and 90s. A master of clay, Brett's sculptures are fun, smart and nothing short of exceptional.

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## POP-UP WORKSHOPS

### THURSDAY & FRIDAY NIGHTS

Don't be surprised to find pop-up art making demonstrations in our galleries on Thursday and Friday nights. Spoon carving, figure drawing, weaving and more.

## ART CLASS



### ASIAN WATERCOLOR with Esther Hong

This class will introduce you to the art of Asian watercolor painting. Beginning students focus on the four paragon traditional motifs the orchid, bamboo, plum blossoms and chrysanthemums. Intermediate students learn how to paint a few flowers and a variety of fruits. Advanced students learn how to paint trees, rocks, mountains, and waterfalls for the Asian landscapes. Small class size allow for personalized introduction. Register online.

Class Meets: 4/2, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30 and 5/7  
from 4 – 6 pm

\$125 (\$100 Members)

Materials not included.

## OPEN-MIC POETRY

Monthly 6 – 7 pm

Why not? We've got a microphone. Stop by to read or listen. It's a great way to meet other writers in the area, workshop your newest poem and get a sense of the local writing scene. Check Facebook or [erieartmuseum.org](http://erieartmuseum.org) for dates.

## BINGO NIGHTS



May 29 from 6 – 8 pm

Ever play bingo in an art museum? No? Then grab your friends and get your game on! \$10 for members and \$15 plus the price of admission for non-members. Three game sheets included. Additional sheets are available for purchase. Cash prizes based on registration. Register early online. Anyone under 18 must be with an adult.

## ON VIEW



### CHUCK JOHNSON

Through June 1, 2020

Chuck Johnson's sculptures are like visual poetry. Featuring stacks of endangered animals, medieval churches and gas-powered machines, Chuck's sculptures express his growing concern for the state of the modern world.

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## ART CRITIQUE



March 6, April 3, & May 22 from 6 – 8 pm

Working on a new piece? Want feedback? Bring it to one of our monthly critiques. Get together with other local and regional artists to share and discuss your work. It's a great way to meet fellow artists and strengthen the artist community in Erie. Professional and amateur artists welcome.

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## DRAG BINGO



May 15 from 7 – 10 pm

It's bingo, but with a hell of a lot more pizzazz! Between games enjoy performances by Erie's favorite queen Rebecca Mae and others. Cash bar, prizes and more. \$30 for non-members and \$15 for members. Entrance fee covers your first six cards. Additional cards \$3 each. Sells out fast! Register online.



## MUSEUM HOURS

**THURSDAYS:** 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

**FRIDAYS:** 11:00 am – 9:00 pm

**SATURDAYS:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

**SUNDAYS:** 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

*Closed: Monday – Wednesday*

Cover (detail): Alexander Calder, *Untitled*, 1963

Inside Cover (detail): Robert Motherwell, *Calligraphic Study II*, 1976

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# GALLERY NIGHT

FEBRUARY 28, 2020  
from 7 to 10 pm

Gallery Night sponsored by

