

Event Date

Thu, Oct 24 2024, 7 - 8:30pm

The Nutley Historical Society will host "An Evening with Gary Erbe" on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Nutley Museum, 65 Church Street. The event will feature an interview with the internationally acclaimed artist and Enclosure resident, reflecting on his distinguished art career and discussing the directions of his current artwork.



Trompe l'oeil artist Gary Erbe stands behind an exquisite example in progress, with local author and interviewer Michael Gabriele at left. When complete, the photo will pop in seeming 3D.

Born in 1944 in Union City, New Jersey, Erbe worked as an engraver from 1965 to 1970 to support his family. He painted at nights and weekends to develop his skills. In 1967, Erbe discovered Trompe l'oeil painting and its masters. It was then that he recognized his particular place in the art field. In 1969, Erbe conceived a way of creating paintings that would be more contemporary and a departure from the 19th century Trompe l'oeil masters.

In 1970, Erbe decided to pursue his art full time and began to actively exhibit his work. He moved to Nutley about 15 years ago, taking up residence in The Enclosure, which over the years became a famous colony for many noteworthy American artists.

Erbe has had solo exhibitions at museums and galleries throughout America, Asia and Europe. He has garnered many awards and honors over the years including six Gold Medals at The Allied Artists of America, Inc. annual exhibitions, held at The National Arts Club, New York. He also received the Medal for Lifetime Achievement in American Art from The Butler Institute of American Art, Ohio, and the Salmagundi Club Medal of Honor, New York.

Michael Gabriele, a member of the Nutley Historical Society's executive board and the executive board of Allied Artists of America, will interview Erbe and present examples of his artwork.

The event is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

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