

# Creative Community Connections

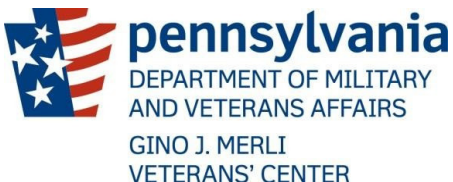
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## Spotlight

Gino J. Merli Veterans'  
Center, "Layers and Notes  
of Creativity"

Join us June 10th!  
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Meet the Artist  
Elizabeth Parry-Faist



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CONNECT THROUGH CREATIVITY COUNCIL ON THE ARTS





# Join Us June 10: Our Open House!

Residents' creative works will be displayed at Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center and this team wants to share the artistry with the community! Join Activities Director, Pamela Wood; Teaching Artist, Elizabeth Parry-Faist; Activities staff and honored residents. Enjoy light refreshments while viewing a gallery of residents' improvisational stories (created individually and in groups), art using varied media and pictures from their time together. All materials were created during their partnership in the Pennsylvania Creative Community of Care training taking place at all six DMVA homes.

## ***You Are Invited to Experience Art at...***

### **What:**

An Open House

### **Address:**

401 Penn Avenue, Scranton, PA, 18503

### **Date:**

Sunday, June 10, 2018

### **Time:**

1-3 p.m.

### **Room:**

Multi-Purpose Room

### **Event Inquiries:**

Pamela Wood at [pawood@pa.gov](mailto:pawood@pa.gov)

The following team members are building this community of care. In addition to intensive online trainings last December/January, since February they have attended an on-site workshop, coaching calls, team meetings and several webinars while planning weekly creative engagement sessions:

### **Gino J. Merli's Creative Team:**

Pamela Wood, *ADCP, Activities Director*

Kim Cavalieri, *MAAA, Activities Assistant*

Nancy Keller, *MAAA, Activities Assistant*

Elizabeth Parry-Faist, *Teaching Artist, NEIU 19*



## Meet the Artist

**Elizabeth Parry-Faist** is a photographer and mixed media artist from Factoryville, Pennsylvania. She uses a variety of materials to explore both works on paper and three-dimensional pieces. In 2004, she became a rostered artist with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts and the Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU 19). Throughout her 14-year career as a rostered artist, she has taken part in more than 90 artist residencies. In 2005, she was awarded Arts in Education, "Artist of the Year" by the NEIU 19. Parry-Faist has been a presenter in trainings and professional development across the state of Pennsylvania. She received her MFA from the University of Connecticut and her BFA from the University of Rhode Island. In 2016, she completed a certificate program from the National Center for Creative Aging online artist training. In 2017, Parry-Faist received her Teaching Artist Certificate at the University of the Arts in Philadelphia.



# Connecting Through Creativity

Layers of Expression | Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center



People who are afraid of Dementia should experience our residents, who share their inner thoughts.” -Pamela Wood, Activities Director

A resident uses blocks as stencils to design a composition inspired by shape (watercolor) in this photo.

*(Photo, below: E. Parry-Faist)*



“Beautiful minds etched on paper.”

- Nancy Keller, Activities Assistant



"A picture to remember, always," shares Marie, holding her completed art. She used colored pencils to abstract her name.

*(Photo, left: E. Parry-Faist)*



Wilson, foreground, uses colored pencils to abstract his name, while a resident works with Kim Cavalieri, background.

*(Photo, above: E. Parry-Faist)*



# Funding for this Creative Community of Care

**The Pennsylvania TimeSlips Creative Community of Care project is a collaboration with the Department of Military and Veterans' Affairs and the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts. The PCA is funded by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the National Endowment for the Arts, a Federal Agency.**

**Sixty participants are training at these six locations:**

- Delaware Valley Veterans' Home
- Gino J. Merli Veterans' Center
- Hollidaysburg Veterans' Home
- Pennsylvania Soldiers' and Sailors' Home
- Southeastern Veterans' Center
- Southwestern Veterans' Center

## About Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit

The Northeastern Educational Intermediate Unit (NEIU) is a regional service agency of the Pennsylvania Department of Education. For the past 30 years, the NEIU has been a partner of the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts (PCA) by coordinating and expanding the PCA's Arts in Education partnership in the Northeastern region of the Commonwealth. The programs have been recognized with state awards such as Best Practices in the Arts in Pennsylvania.



To inquire about a TimeSlips Creative Community of Care, check out [timeslips.org](http://timeslips.org) or email [info@timeslips.org](mailto:info@timeslips.org).

“The creative works of Veterans demonstrates our country's finest citizens' abilities to portray their experiences in visual mediums. The NEIU 19 is proud to provide programming to enhance the lives of so many men and women who sacrificed for our country.”

- Catherine Richmond-Cullen, Ed.D  
Educational Consultant, C4 Consulting

“Great way to use your imagination every day.”

-Kim Cavalieri, Activities Assistant



## Do You Have a Tattoo?

Early on  
I am glad we are looking  
at these old photo albums  
You know what I remember...  
the money  
I don't remember their names  
Do you have a tattoo?  
I don't remember what  
tattoo I got first  
I am also a lover of animals  
You know,  
you are the first person in a long  
time to look at these books  
of all the tattoos I have given  
I am so glad you did  
That way I got to see the album

-Excerpt from a poem written in a one-on-one February art session by Roy, facilitated by Elizabeth Parry-Faist.