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Strasburger's 'Tamara' wins AAPL award

South Scranton artist **George Strasburger** has picked up another award to place on his mantelpiece. In November, **George**, who operates a studio on Cedar Avenue, was the recipient of the American Artists Professional League's Salmagundi Club Award for his oil painting, "Tamara." His work was selected from 98 oil paintings submitted for the organization's 80th annual Grand National Exhibition. **George** received the award from AAPL president **Konrad Hansalik** at the group's annual meeting and awards reception in New York City. This year's show highlighted the works of 185 artists.

— JOSH MCAULIFFE



Among those on hand for a celebration at Danielle and Co.'s new location are, from left: Scranton Mayor **Chris Doherty**, **Donna**, **Danielle** and **Bill Fleming**, and **Maggie O'Brien** of Scranton Tomorrow.

'The Frog in the Well'

Former West Scranton resident **Pattie Caprio's** bilingual Chinese/English hardcover children's book has been named a finalist in the Non-Fiction Picture Book category for USA Book News "Best Books Awards." "The Frog in the Well," has also been nominated for 2009 All-books Review Editor's Choice Award.

"The Frog in the Well" is translated from English to Chinese by **Joyce Lin**, retold by author **Irene Y. Tsai** and illustrated by **Pattie**, who for 35 years has been working through **Caprio Graphic Design**.

Pattie said she was a student of local artist **Albert Ondush** and sent him copy of the book, adding he "encouraged me to continue in the field of art when I was just a kid. I never forgot my first professional training from him. He is such a scholar."

"The Frog in the Well" is based on an old Chinese idiom that compares a narrow-minded frog who has a limited vision, living in a deep well, to an open-minded sea turtle living in a vast Eastern ocean, **Pattie** reports. "This book is actually printed in a total of

five different scripts, allowing for a maximum audience of English- and Chinese-speaking children and parents. All text is printed in English as well as both simplified and traditional Chinese scripts."

Location celebration

Danielle Fleming hosted a celebration of the relocation to downtown Scranton of her contemporary natural and organic beauty care products shop.

Among those on hand at **Danielle & Co.'s** new 831 Adams Ave. address were Lackawanna County Commissioners **Corey O'Brien** and **Mike Washo**, Scranton Mayor **Chris Doherty**, **Donna** and **Bill Fleming** and **Maggie O'Brien** of Scranton Tomorrow.

High notes

Megan Hales of Scranton will graduate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania on Sunday with a 4.0 grade point average. **Megan**, who earned her degree in family and consumer science education, is the daughter of **Michael** and **Mary Alice Hales**. She is a 2006 graduate



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South Scranton artist **George Strasburger** displays his oil painting "Tamara," which won him the American Artists Professional League's Salmagundi Club Award and is included in the organization's 80th annual Grand National Exhibition. For more information on the exhibition, visit americanartistsprofessionalleague.org.

of West Scranton High School. At IUP, **Megan** volunteered with the Best Buddies organization, which pairs American students

with international students, and was a member of the Family and Consumer Science Club.

— TERRY BONIFANTI