

**Maryann Brayak** - Maryann's longtime affiliation with the Bonifas Arts Center emerged through her love and passion of cuisines and a desire to share it with others. Maryann loved every aspect of the culinary experience from growing fresh vegetables and herbs in her garden to creating dishes that explored curries, sauces, or desserts from every corner of the world. She was asked to start the culinary arts classes at the Bonifas. Maryann and her sister, Mitzi, kicked off the new series with Indian cuisine. In an interactive kitchen environment, guests would learn firsthand the way to prepare various dishes, learn where to source certain ingredients locally, take home recipes, and sample the class course in the gallery setting. With the help of the Brayak sisters, the Bonifas kicked off one of its most popular lifestyle classes ever, and it continues today.

**Darolyn and Bob Spannuth** – are local residents, longtime members and contributors to the Bonifas. As avid art collectors, the Spannuths have sponsored purchase prizes for the Bonifas Gallery Exhibits since 2013. Involved with the arts on many levels, Darolyn is also a Bonifas instructor and a judge at the multiple Youth in Art exhibits (for the General Federation of Women's Clubs Escanaba.)

**Friends of the Escanaba Public Library** - formed in 1988, this group of library enthusiasts provide support through supplementing the Library's regular budget and sponsoring special children's activities, like a Story Walk. The Friends of the Escanaba Public Library is an affiliate of the Bonifas Arts Center and our organizations have collaborated over the years on several joint programs introducing literary artists. The support the Friends give to the Library and the Bonifas is integral for arts, child development and culture in our town.

**Brian Pahnke** is a financial advisor and owner of the local branch of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans. Brian and Thrivent Financial has supported the arts as a contributor and sponsor of the Bonifas for nearly a decade. He has supported the Bonifas Gallery as a Gallery Partner and a principal purchase prize sponsor for the annual Northern Exposure Exhibit for the last 7 years. Brian has also joined the Bonifas Board of Directors in 2022 and will be spearheading the campaign in honor of the Bonifas 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary and other fund development initiatives.

### **Pasqua Warstler**

Warstler has been with the William Bonifas Fine Arts Center for 22 years as Gallery and Education Director, Artistic Director, and in her last 2 years with the Bonifas, as an Executive Director. Pasqua has been in the art field as educator, grant writer, and artist for over 35 years. Over the years, Pasqua has introduced many initiatives in arts education, forged the path for the local artists to the larger regional exhibits, like Art Prize and brought the top-level art from DIA's Manoogian Collection to the Bonifas for all to see.

**Julie Aschbacher** and her husband Bob have been Bonifas members and loyal supporters

for over 12 years. Julie has taken classes in every imaginable medium over the years (watercolor, pastels, oils, portraiture, charcoal drawing, pottery, fused glass, inks, stained glass, encaustic wax, mosaics, jewelry making, cold wax, etc.) Along with her husband, she has helped at Music Mondays in Ludington Park since its inception and always attended small venue music concerts offered at the Bonifas.

Julie was a judge for the Youth in Art program for many years. She is connected through her arts, volunteering, and friendships with our local art community.