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### ***THE ZENTANGLE METHOD* by MARIA THOMAS & RICK ROBERTS**

**The National Museum of American Illustration (NMAI)** in Newport, RI, is pleased to welcome artists Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts to the NMAI's 2018 Summer Lecture series on **Saturday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018 • 1:30PM**. This lecture is open to the public and there is no additional charge beyond the standard cost of Museum admission. Seating is limited; please RSVP for lectures by calling (401) 851-8949 ext. 18 or emailing [art@americanillustration.org](mailto:art@americanillustration.org). This lecture will take place at the NMAI: 492 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI.

Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts will deliver a lecture on the art of Zentangle, a controlled form of artistic doodling that uses simple, repetitive patterns to create visually impressive images while improving focus and creativity. Thomas and Roberts will discuss what the Zentangle Method is, how it began, and the phenomenon it's become. By combining the lecture with images and demonstrations, they will relate the Zentangle story to Golden Age American illustrators and the works featured at the NMAI.

Maria Thomas has been a professional artist since childhood, selling her artwork at local bazaars. She now uses her talents to create beautifully intricate lettering for stationery and certificates, personalized illustrations, decorated fine china, and Zentangles. Rick Roberts has an eclectic background in various artistic and technical fields. He met Maria through her calligraphy and stationery business and, together, they developed the Zentangle Method in 2003.

The National Museum of American Illustration is an independent, educational and aesthetic organization with the goal to present the best venue for the public to appreciate the greatest collection of illustration art. The NMAI's Summer Season begins Memorial Day Weekend, open Thursday through Sunday, 11am – 5pm, with a Guided Tour every Friday at 3pm. It is located at Vernon Court, 492 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI. For information call (401) 851-8949 ext. 18 or visit [www.AmericanIllustration.org](http://www.AmericanIllustration.org).

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High-resolution images are accessible via the following Dropbox link:  
<https://www.dropbox.com/sh/7sempqvj3t3iaho/AAAb7z7-Lwj3tFgTnmVTr-Mea?dl=0>

Captions for Dropbox photos:

1. Photo of lecturers Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, creators of the Zentangle Method. Image courtesy Maria Thomas.
2. A colorized Zentangle by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts that was used for the endpapers of their book, *Zentangle Primer Volume 1*.
3. Introduction, *Zentangle Primer Volume 1*, by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, 2016, pg. xiv.
4. More Tangles, *Zentangle Primer Volume 1* by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, 2016, pg. 78.
5. Your First Tile, *Zentangle Primer Volume 1* by Maria Thomas and Rick Roberts, 2016, pg. 12.