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***ALL THERE IS TO KNOW ABOUT ART FRAMING AND CONSERVATION***  
**by GEOFF GAUNT**

**The National Museum of American Illustration (NMAI)** in Newport, RI is pleased to welcome framer and art restorer Geoff Gaunt to the NMAI's third and final 2019 Summer Lecture series event on **Saturday, July 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at 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: Vernon Court, 492 Bellevue Avenue, Newport, RI.

Geoff Gaunt will discuss the many facets of art framing, providing a general overview as well as the specific considerations involved in framing illustrations. He will also provide insight into the art conservation process, focusing on illustration art, but also discussing broad conservation principles that apply to most artworks of value.

Gaunt is the fourth owner of Providence Picture Frame & Dryden Gallery (PPFDG), established in the mid-1800s. From humbler beginnings as a part time art installer / designer in 1988, he earned his MBA and leveraged that experience into a consulting role with PPFDG on strategic and project management. After several successive years in a corporate setting, Gaunt returned to PPFDG where his expertise in metalworking, woodworking, photography, and design converged with his formal management training and experience and love of hands-on work with the Rhode Island community. With an expert team at his side, Gaunt is a trusted resource for homeowners, collectors, interior designers, architects, museums, galleries, and other design professionals seeking to enhance their space in their own vision.

Geoff Gaunt has a Bachelor of Arts and a Master of Business Administration from Providence College and graduated Magna Cum Laude for both degrees.

Gaunt will use his expertise to deliver a lecture on *All There Is To Know About Art Framing and Restoration*, followed by a brief Q&A session.

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 runs from Memorial Day weekend through Labor 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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