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These artists have provided us with extraordinary views of the Navy Yard in Philadelphia.

Their work continues a tradition of painting river landscapes that began in the early American republic, focusing on the rivers and tributaries of the Delaware River Watershed.

Upon first glance, the artists have seemingly favored the industrial naval ships over the natural vistas of the river.

However, the play of light and atmosphere envelops the river and ships, challenging us to see them as a whole.
Philadelphia Naval Shipyards

The shipyard was closed in 1995, leading to the loss of 7,000 civilian jobs. It has since been redeveloped by the Philadelphia Industrial Development Corporation as a mixed-use campus.
Mothballed Fleet

The yard features a protected body of freshwater called the basin, perfect for preservation ships that have been decommissioned from the United States Navy.

Some of the ships are reserved, or “mothballed,” for possible reactivation while others will be disposed by donation as a ship museum or memorial, domestic dismantling and recycling, artificial reefing or use as a target vessel.
1 Arching
Painted by Palden Hamilton who lives in Baltimore, MD.

2 To Serve Well
Painted by Kari Ganoung-Ruiz who lives in Interlaken, NY.

3 Paint Job
Painted by Douglas Kingsbury who lives in Houston, TX.

USS John F. Kennedy
Kitty Hawk Class
aircraft carrier
Philadelphia Navy Yard:

The Basin

Delaware River
Schuylkill River

Broad St S. 13th St
S 26th St
Kitty Hawk Ave
Langley Ave
League Island Blvd
Admiral Peary Way
Constitution Ave
Rouse Blvd
Route 95

Navy

Painted by Natalia Andreeva who lives in Tallahassee, FL.

4 Decommissioned
Painted by Elise Phillips who lives in Elverson, PA.

USS Shreveport

Austin-Class

amphibious transport dock

multiple

Oliver Hazard Perry

class frigates

5 Navy
Painted by Natalia Andreeva who lives in Tallahassee, FL.
6 Pink
Painted by Natalia Andreeva who lives in Tallahassee, FL.

7 Age Old Preoccupation
Painted by DK Palecek who lives in Kaukauna, WI.

8 Navy Yard
Painted by Lon Brauer who lives in Granite City, IL.

Charles F. Adams class destroyer & two Ticonderoga-class cruisers
9  **Echos**  
Painted by **Patrick Lee** who lives in Pittsburgh, PA.

10  **Ready When Needed**  
Painted by **Tim Kelly** who lives in Baltimore, MD.

*Oliver Hazard Perry* class frigates

*Forrest Sherman* class destroyer
11 BFF
Painted by Charles Newman who lives in Haddon Township, NJ.

12 Iron Butterflies
Painted by Shelby Keefe who lives in Milwaukee, WI.

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13 Retirement Living
Painted by Mick McAndrews who lives in Downingtown, PA.
Wayne Art Center

*Light on Steel on Water* features 13 paintings created during the 13th Annual Wayne Plein Air Festival held last May. Thirty-two artists from around the country painted over 300 works during the festival. Artists converged on the Philadelphia Navy Yard one of the days to capture ships docked in the Delaware River.

Since 1930, the Wayne Art Center has been the Main Line’s premier destination for internationally recognized exhibitions and education in fine arts, craft, music, drama and the culinary arts.

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