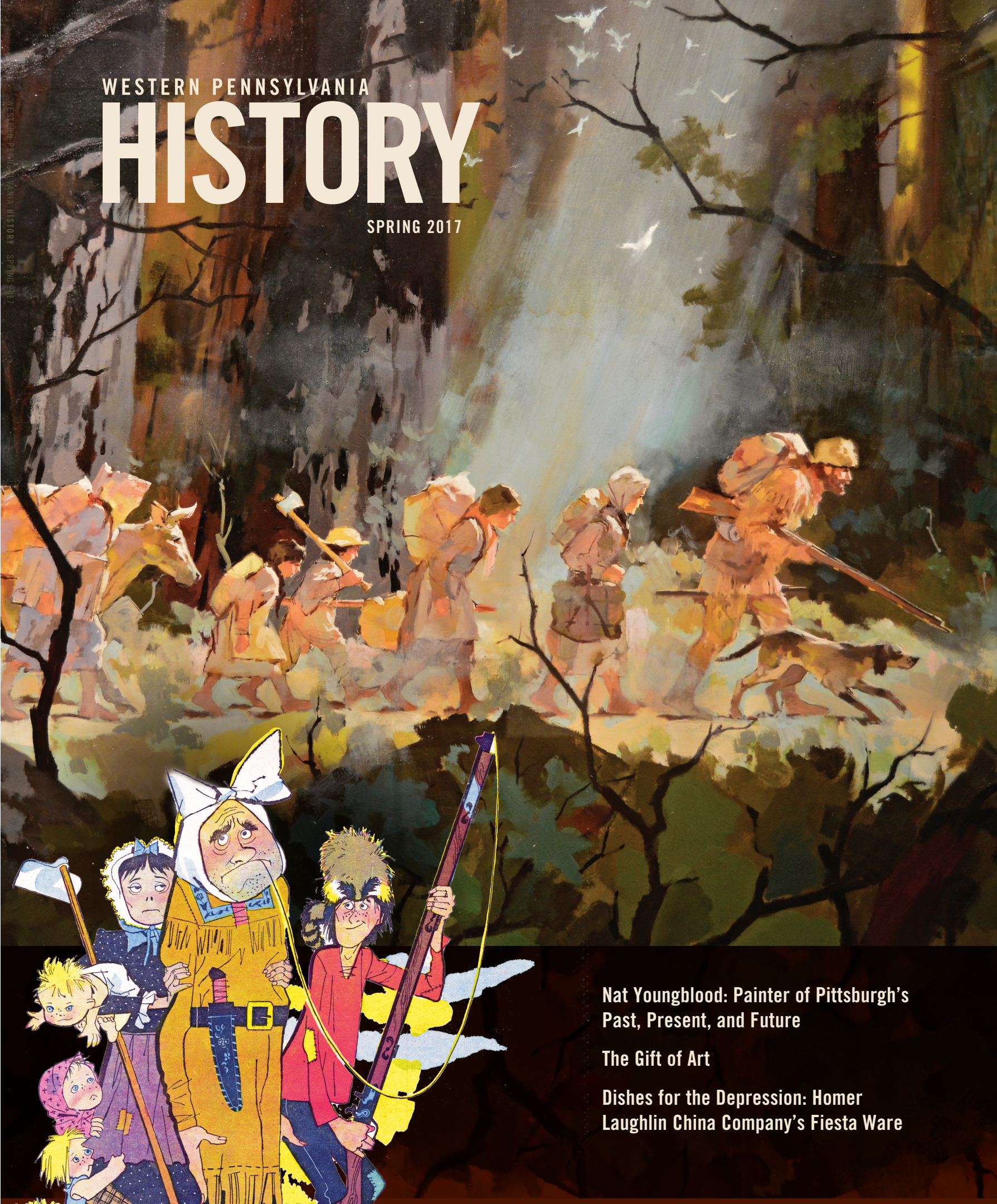


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The artwork on the *Family Magazine* cover in *The Pittsburgh Press*, January 18, 1959, and *We'll Build Us A House*, 1974, oil on canvas, show the contrasting styles of beloved artist Nat Youngblood. Read more starting on page 38.

Dorothy Butko, and Friends of Art, photo by Liz Simpson.

