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## Celebrate Summer with "Watercolor Moments" at Ocean County Library Barnegat Branch

**BARNEGAT** – The Ocean County Library Barnegat Branch is pleased to present "Watercolor Moments," a celebration of spring and summer by shore artists Barbara Kraemer, Judith Schimmel, and Karen Wachter, throughout July.

Barbara Kraemer, a mainstay of the Pine Shores Art Association in Manahawkin, took up brush and canvas as a youth, and resumed her artistic endeavors less than 10 years ago after a long hiatus. The catalyst, she said, was a relative's gift of watercolor classes.

"I was hooked the moment I walked into the studio," she recalled. "My first two paintings sold and are held in private collections today." Barbara supports various causes with revenue derived from her art and paint-along classes, and is active on Facebook.

Judith Schimmel, a former teacher, said that retirement afforded her the time to pursue art. "I started taking classes with Jan Terry," she said. "I'm presently working with Rose Sinatra. I paint in watercolor, mostly...landscapes and occasionally florals."

Karen Wachter is active in the Pine Shores Art Association, Manasquan River Group of Artists, Laurelton Art Society, and Ocean County Artists Guild.

"I work primarily in watercolors, which is a challenging medium with a mind of its own," she explained, "but the results can often be a welcome surprise." Pastels and oils are Karen's other media of choice.

The exhibit is free of charge and open to the public in the Branch, 112 Burr Street. For information, call (609) 698-3331. The exhibit will move to the Waretown Branch in August.

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"Beached Boat," by Barbara Kraemer



"House By The Water," by Judith Schimmel



"Irises," by Karen Wachter

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