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## **PRESS RELEASE**

What: Art Exhibit When: November/December 2021 Where: Toms River Branch

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### OCL Toms River Branch to Feature European Canvas by Suzi Hoffman and Mary Walker-Baptiste Image included

TOMS RIVER – The Ocean County Library is pleased to announce that it will host *European Canvas*, an exhibit by Suzi Hoffman and Mary Walker Baptiste, in the Toms River Branch's McConnell Gallery during November and December.

The collection is a stunning visual travelogue of watercolor and acrylic paintings and drawings, with brief anecdotes about the location and inspiration for each work.

Following everyone's stay-at-home pandemic year, the beauty and fun of Europe is captured and recreated here for exhibit visitors to enjoy and be reminded of their own wonderful travels. Bon voyage!

Suzi Hoffman and Mary Walker-Baptiste are on the board of directors of Pine Shores Art Association, where Mary is a regular instructor for adult classes.

Mary won the Blick award from Garden State Watercolor Society's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Show, and Suzi won 2<sup>nd</sup> prize at LBI Foundation's 2021 National Plein Art Plus show now on display there.

They both have exhibited extensively along the eastern United States. Their works are held in corporate and private collections across the country.

They are featured in the Library's "Meet the Artist" series, which can be viewed on the OCL <u>YouTube</u> channel and heard on <u>Spotify</u>.

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#### OCL Toms River Branch European Canvas Exhibit

*European Canvas* is free and open to the public. For more information, please contact the Toms River Branch of the Ocean County Library at (732) 349-6200 ext. 5100, or visit our website at <u>www.theoceancountylibrary.org</u>.

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