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Steve Moran Art Exhibit, Reception Coming to Ocean County Library Jackson Branch

JACKSON TOWNSHIP – The Ocean County Library Jackson Branch is pleased to present an exhibit of airbrushings and paintings by Toms River artist <u>Steve Moran</u> throughout the months of June and July. Meet Steve during the Artist's Reception, 2 to 4 PM Saturday, June 24.

Steve's extensive portfolio of oil and acrylic paintings includes images of people, wildlife and marine life, florals, still life, and landscapes. In addition to canvas, his work has appeared on cars, motorcycles, clothing and for clients including Michael Jackson, Michael Bolton and members of *America's Top Model*.

Born into a creative family, Steve sold his first art piece at age 7 and drew considerable influence in ensuing years from his father, a commercial artist, and from graphic novels, especially drawings by sci-fi icon Frank Frazetta.

A discussion with a clergyman, Steve said, led him to philosophical studies that influenced his art. "I believe art is energy," he said. "That's what I try to convey. Colors vibrate at different frequencies. We should surround ourselves with music, art, poetry, plants, to increase our own vibrations."

Steve added that meeting physical challenges prompted him to infuse his art with a message of empowerment. "I hope that, knowing my story, people will say, 'Maybe I should start drawing, or taking that cooking class,' or whatever they want to do. If I can do it, anybody can do it."

Steve features his art and custom designs on his <u>website</u>, <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Instagram</u>, <u>Pinterest</u>, and <u>YouTube</u>.

The display is open to the public, free of charge, and can be viewed during normal Branch operating hours. For more information, visit www.theoceancountylibrary.org/events, stop by the OCL Jackson Branch, 2 Jackson Drive, or call (732) 928-4400.

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