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“The Odyssey of a Chinese Artist” Exhibit at the Public Library this June

The Santa Maria Public Library will be displaying the artwork of May Kwok beginning Thursday, June 5th, in Shepard Hall. Her exhibit entitled, “The Odyssey of a Chinese Artist,” is a select body of work showcasing May’s eventful journeys in China.

Known for her poetic landscapes, still life, and Chinese calligraphy, she skillfully employs the Chinese fine-brush (gongbi) technique and works on various media including Chinese ink drawing on silk. Many of her paintings are accompanied by a Chinese poem in calligraphy brushstrokes, and the poems often reveal a part of the artist’s life story. In addition to exhibiting ink on paper and silk paintings, she will also have on display several acrylics on canvas pieces that she says “portray China’s increasingly westernized influence.”

Kwok is an artist from Hong Kong who graduated with a Bachelor of Fine Arts and Master of Philosophy in Art History from the Chinese University of Hong Kong. She has over 20 years of experience in teaching visual arts at the high school and community college level.

An artist reception will be held on Thursday, June 5, 2014 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Questions may be directed to the Graphics Technician, Sara Voss, at 925-0951 ext. 832.

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