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#### **Ron Smothers, Fine Art Painter, to Exhibit at the Library in May**

Throughout the month of May, patrons of the Santa Maria Public Library can view the works of fine art painter, Ron Smothers. His exhibit entitled "West Coast Perspectives: Scenes of California, Oregon, and Washington," is now on display in the Shepard Hall Gallery. Smothers' intricate works vary from beautiful landscapes and nature, to aviation and automobile art as well.

"Nature's simplicity of design, unparalleled beauty, perfect compositions, and power of evolution, fascinate me," Smothers said. "Emotional as well as visual pleasure are the goals of my work. But, I really hope to provoke a commitment to preserve what remains of our natural landscape, and honor its life giving forces."

An award-winning local painter, Mr. Smothers has participated in numerous exhibitions that range from California to Washington. Attending the California State University of Pomona as an Environmental Design major certainly helped spark his avid interest in nature.

Smothers explained: "As I started architectural drawing classes, I learned of Frank Lloyd Wright's work and his sense about fitting his designs to nature's rules. An education in environmental design brought nature into the forefront of my career. Since I have taken up painting, I have come to be even more attuned to nature's importance."

The fine art paintings of Ron Smothers will be on exhibit until May 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Santa Maria Public Library is located at 421 S. McClelland Street in Santa Maria. Questions may be directed to the Santa Maria Public Library, 925-0951 ext. 832.

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