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Lee-Volker Cox photography exhibit of Greenland and the Arctic Circle to debut at the Santa Maria Public Library in August

Throughout the month of August, patrons of the Santa Maria Public Library can view the works of amateur international photographer Lee-Volker Cox. His exhibit, entitled “*On Top of the World: A Collection of photos from Greenland and life inside the Arctic Circle*” will be on display in the Shepard Hall Gallery.

Rarely without a camera, Lee-Volker’s 27 years in the Air Force has provided him many opportunities to experience life in unique locations throughout North America, Europe, and the Arctic. He spent more than a year at the “Top of the World” living more than 700 miles inside the Arctic Circle at Pituffik (Thule Air Base). Serving as a U.S. Representative in Greenland, Lee-Volker spent considerable time with the Inuit throughout Western and Northern Greenland.

A self-taught photographer, Lee-Volker has held private viewings of his work for senior United States, Danish and Greenlandic officials. Numerous non-profits from Seattle to the Central Coast have selected his work for various benefit activities. Lee-Volker’s photos have also appeared in several publications including: *The High Frontier*, *The Santa Maria Times*, *Space Observer*, *Air Force News Service*, and many more. In addition to his photography, he has had an extraordinary career. He has flown Global Positioning System (GPS) satellites, operated intercontinental ballistic missiles, been a university assistant professor, was on the launch team for NASA’s satellite validating Einstein’s Theory of Relativity, recognized as the Air Force’s best public affairs officer and was at the Pentagon on 9/11. Lee-Volker lives with his wife, Michelle, and their miniature Schnauzer, Benny, on California’s beautiful Central Coast.

An artist reception will take place on Thursday, August 1st from 5:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Please stop by the library to see the amazing photography of Lee-Volker Cox.

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

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