

Mike Mazer gains acclaim, exposure

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Popular Mattapoisett watercolorist Mike Mazer continues to reap recognition and rewards for his outstanding work.

Mr. Mazer is a well-recognized national figure in the realm of watercolor artists, having won numerous national and international awards for his work. He has exhibited widely in the SouthCoast, with shows at the Marion Art Center, the Rogers Gallery in Mattapoisett, and the New Bedford Art Museum.

His work is also included in the city's collection, housed in the downtown branch of the New Bedford Free Public Library. Recently, the U.S. Coast Guard selected two paintings by the artist representing the Buzzard's Bay oil spill for their collection in Washington, D.C., increasing their holdings of Mike Mazer paintings to four.

The oil spill pair will be included in an exhibition that will travel to Vlissingen, Holland, as a part of a celebration of Henry Hudson's 400th anniversary of the European discovery of New York. Only 25 works of art were selected for this exhibit, so Mike is especially honored. The exhibition runs until May of this year.

Mike and his wife Marilyn spend the early winters at their home in Florida, where a painting of Mike's was recently selected for an exhibition of the International Guild of Realists, held at the Weatherburn Gallery in Naples. Only 48 works were included in the showing, which included submissions from across the United States and from 16 other countries.

For local fans of Mike Mazer's work, the good news is a large upcoming exhibition of his work at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. "Mike Mazer — Maritime Paintings of the SouthCoast" will open at the museum's Dennis location on March 21 and continue through May 10. More than 50 works will grace the museum's walls, giving viewers a broad range of Mr. Mazer's subject matter and aesthetic interests. Sponsored by support from the Arthur W. McMurty Memorial Fund and Bank of America, the exhibit will also feature two lectures and gallery talks by the artist.

For further information, call the Cape Cod Museum of Art at (508) 385-4477, or visit them online at info@ccmoa.org.