



OCEAN GALLERIES

*Making Homes Beautiful Since 1986*

9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ 08247 | 609.368.7777

[www.OceanGalleries.com](http://www.OceanGalleries.com)

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

CONTACT: Julie Hayles

609.576.3717/PR@OceanGalleries.com

Page 1 of 5

**OCEAN GALLERIES ANNOUNCES 2019 SUMMER ART EXHIBITIONS**

*Stone Harbor, NJ gallery to host seven extraordinary exhibits with guest artists*

STONE HARBOR, NJ – May 8, 2019 – For the 2019 summer season, Ocean Galleries lined up seven amazing art exhibitions featuring the artwork of and appearances by Samir Sammoun, Mackenzie Thorpe, Stephen Harlan, Josef Kote, and the multi-talented Jane Seymour, as well as two special exhibitions with the artwork collections from *The Art of Dr. Seuss* and the iconic Peter Max. Guests will have the opportunity to view and acquire artwork, and to meet the artists and/or curators (Dr. Seuss and Peter Max exhibits) in intimate gallery receptions.

All exhibitions take place at the Stone Harbor location of [Ocean Galleries](http://www.OceanGalleries.com) (9618 Third Avenue/609-368-7777) and are open to the public with all artwork available for acquisition.

\* \* \* \* \*

ARTIST: Samir Sammoun

SHOW: Master Impressionist

**RECEPTIONS WITH THE ARTIST:**

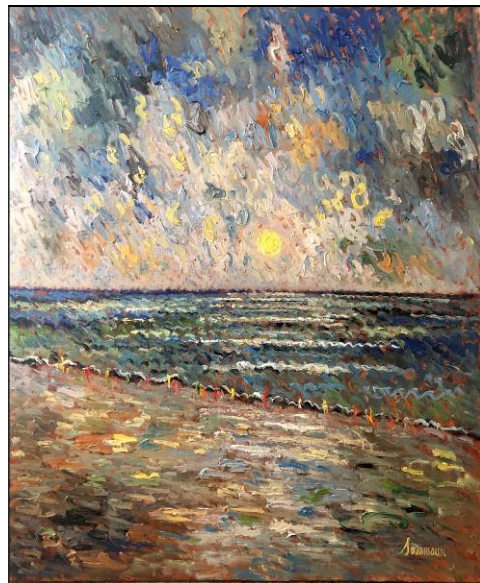
Saturday, May 25, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, May 26, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Ocean Galleries welcomes renowned Canadian-Lebanese Impressionist, [Samir Sammoun](#), over Memorial Day weekend for his first ever exhibition in the gallery. Samir began painting oils at the young age of 13, inspired by the beautiful landscapes of his native Joun, Lebanon, particularly his family's 1,000-year-old olive plantation. His impressionistic art has been compared to some of the great Masters, most often, to Van Gogh, as well as Monet, Renoir, and Pissarro, while his colorful and masterful paintings have garnered admiration from collectors in Canada, Lebanon, the U.S., and around the world. In addition to the olive, poppies, and landscape scenes inspired by his Lebanese roots, Samir finds inspiration in other places he visits and resides, from Quebec to the coasts of Sunny Isles, Florida. The new exhibit, "Master Impressionist," features more than 70 original oil paintings including many seascapes, landscapes, and cityscapes, and numerous pieces created specifically for the Stone Harbor exhibit, such as beach scenes and regional cityscapes from New York and Philadelphia.



*"Sunrise on the Beach"*

Copyright ©Samir Sammoun 2019

\* \* \* \* \*

- more -

ARTIST: Theodor Seuss Geisel (a.k.a. Dr. Seuss)

SHOW: The Cat Behind the Hat!

**CURATORIAL RECEPTIONS:**

Friday, June 14 & Saturday, June 15, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, June 16, 2019

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Ocean Galleries will share a compelling selection of artworks from [\*The Art of Dr. Seuss Collection\*](#) over Father's Day weekend when they debut "The Cat Behind the Hat!" exhibit, a series of print and bronze limited-edition art. Guests are invited to join Art of Dr. Seuss collection representative, Jeff Schuffman, as he discusses this first time showing during special receptions. "The beloved Dr. Seuss artwork exhibits have become somewhat of an annual Stone Harbor tradition enjoyed by kids of all ages. Our gallery was fortunate to be chosen to host 'The Cat Behind the Hat!' collection for the very first time, so it will be fun to debut the art featuring the renowned cat to the shore area!" said Ocean Galleries owner Kim Miller. "We love that our customers can share the joy in this whimsical collection with their entire family and introduce new generations to fine art." The new collection of art featured in "The Cat Behind the Hat!" exhibit will include serigraphs, mixed media, and fine art on paper and canvas, as well as bronze sculptures, all highlighting the famous feline with names every bit as interesting as the colorful and clever cat himself, such as "The Great Cat Continuum," "Venetian Cat Signing Oh Solo Meow," and "Singing Cats."



*"The Cat Behind the Hat"*

Authorized Estate Edition

Seuss text and images TM & © 2019

Dr. Seuss Enterprises, L.P. 2019.

All rights reserved.

\* \* \* \* \*

ARTIST: Mackenzie Thorpe

SHOW: 30 Years of Love

**RECEPTIONS WITH THE ARTIST:**

Friday, June 21 & Saturday, June 22, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, June 23, 2019

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

He has achieved global success in galleries throughout the UK, America, Japan, and Australia, counting such notable collectors as J. K. Rowling, Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and Tom Hardy, among his fans. For the weekend of the summer solstice, Ocean Galleries is delighted to welcome [\*Mackenzie Thorpe\*](#) for his first ever exhibition in New Jersey. His artistic journey has taken him from the shipyards of Middlesbrough to internationally acclaim as one of today's most collected and sought-after artists. Rooted in authenticity, Mackenzie's artwork is packed with emotional expression and speaks of hope and love, as well as struggle and challenge. The need and compulsion to draw was obvious from an early age and remains with Mackenzie today. His works express an entire range of human emotion, from the special bond of love and friendship, to the importance of self-reflection and individual triumphs. Each of his artwork pieces are a tribute to the creativity within us all, as well as a vivid expression of hope and the human spirit. The "Mackenzie Thorpe - 30 Years of Love" art exhibit includes an outstanding collection of pastels, sculptures, and limited-edition prints.



*"Surprise!"*

Copyright ©Mackenzie Thorpe 2019

\* \* \* \* \*

- more -

ARTIST: Peter Max

SHOW: Woodstock 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**CURATORIAL RECEPTIONS:**

Friday, July 5 & Saturday, July 6, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, July 7, 2019

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

In what has become a Stone Harbor Fourth of July tradition, Ocean Galleries will host an exhibit with artwork by the iconic [Peter Max](#), "America's Painter Laureate," over the holiday weekend. This year's exhibition marks the **50th Anniversary of Woodstock** and will include many of Peter's psychedelic and vibrant, cosmic images that captured the true spirit of the 60s and were recognized by art critics as "the visual counterpart to the music of the Beatles." Peter's transcendent imagery, bold colors, and uplifting themes have touched almost every aspect of American culture and inspired generations. Throughout his impressive artistic career, Peter Max has been the official artist for many national and international events, has painted presidents, world leaders and rock stars, and has created artwork on everything from a Boeing 777 to a 600-foot Woodstock stage. Peter has been the official artist of the GRAMMYs six times, and his recent works feature celebrity portraits of legendary musicians Tom Petty, Lionel Richie, Bono, and Bruce Springsteen, each of whom have been honored as The GRAMMYs MusiCares person of the year. In addition to a collection of his famous cosmic images, this year's exhibition will include numerous paintings created specifically for the Stone Harbor exhibit and will include a collection of his recent works and most-revered imagery spanning five decades.



*"Love"*

Copyright ©Peter Max 2019

\* \* \* \* \*

ARTIST: Stephen Harlan

SHOW: Water's Edge

**RECEPTIONS WITH THE ARTIST:**

Friday, July 19 &

Saturday, July 20, 2019

7:00 PM to 10:00 PM

Sunday, July 21, 2019

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM



*"40 Years Together"*

Copyright ©Stephen Harlan 2019

Making his first appearance at Ocean Galleries, [Stephen Harlan](#) will be in Stone Harbor the weekend of July 19-21. In a world moving quickly into the future, Stephen Harlan has established his own unique style of digital artwork. Each inspired work in his collection is "visioned" and shaped in Stephen's mind, then meticulously rendered with an eye to "color and contrast" to create a magical mood – suspended in time...in space... and in the imagination. Born in rural Minnesota, Harlan relocated with his family to Florida when he was in grade school, which inspired his love of the water having spent many days sailing into the sunset on his catamaran. Investigating the uniqueness of harbors and sunsets became a passion and his nautical focus continues to grow deeper every day, with the never-ending inspiration that comes from carefully observing the sea and the water in all of their contrasts. After relocating to California with his wife, his artistic style expanded, with images of the southwest and several other areas of inspiration becoming a part of his portfolio. Stephen's portfolio of abstract images also grew as increased interest and requests from California and West Coast collectors surfaced. Today, the Harlan family resides in North Carolina, where the Atlantic Ocean and Intercoastal Waterway serve as a constant source of stimulation for future work.

\* \* \* \* \*

- more -



ARTIST: Josef Kote

SHOW: Serenity Found

RECEPTIONS WITH THE ARTIST:

Friday, August 9 &  
Saturday, August 10, 2019  
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Sunday, August 11, 2019  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Back by popular demand, [Josef Kote](#) returns to Stone Harbor in August with an all new collection of his extraordinary artwork. Having gained international recognition, Kote is best known for his distinctive style and technique which blend classic academic and abstract elements, fused together with his signature drip effect, to create breathtaking artwork. His paintings have been described as symphonies of light and color that are lyrically stunning and romantic, as well as edgy and current. Kote's trademark style includes bold brushwork and sweeping strokes of vibrant color – often through the use of a pallet knife - alongside monochromatic areas devoid of detail; the result of these unique techniques are paintings that enthrall the viewer with an incredible energy. One of Kote's favorite subject matters is the water, as evident in many of his paintings which have nautical themes, including numerous new oceanscapes and water-themed paintings that he created specifically for the Stone Harbor exhibition after being inspired from previous visits to the quaint seaside community.



*"Best Summer"*

Copyright ©Josef Kote 2019

\* \* \* \* \*

ARTIST: Jane Seymour

SHOW: California Colorist

RECEPTIONS WITH THE ARTIST:

Friday, August 30 &  
Saturday, August 31, 2019  
7:00 PM to 10:00 PM  
Sunday, September 1, 2019  
1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

It is a thrill to welcome the multitaled [Jane Seymour](#) to Ocean Galleries over Labor Day weekend when she brings her latest collection of gorgeous oil paintings, watercolors, and bronze sculptures to Stone Harbor. Ms. Seymour began painting over 20 years ago as part of a healing process for personal challenges experienced at that time. Since then, Ms. Seymour has emerged as an established and accomplished painter, creating an intimate world of delicate watercolors, colorful vibrant oil paintings, pastels, and bronze sculptures. A multiple Emmy® and Golden Globe® winning actress, Jane Seymour has proven her talents in virtually all media, the Broadway stage, motion pictures, and television, and is an OBE (Officer of the Order of the British Empire) recipient. Additionally, she has written over 10 books and launched Jane Seymour Designs, a national lifestyle brand inspired by her homes, art, and family-centered lifestyle. Often described as a California colorist, Ms. Seymour believes that her art reflects the essence of who she is. Her collection of expressive art often reflects her passions in life, such as flower gardening, which is evident in her colorful flower arrangements, detailed landscapes, and lush garden paintings and watercolors. Ms. Seymour's new Ocean Galleries exhibition also includes numerous beachscapes and figurative paintings, many of which were inspired by her home life in Malibu, CA and recent visits to the East Coast.



Jane Seymour works on her newest painting,

*"Water Lily Pond Reflections"*

Copyright ©Jane Seymour 2019

\* \* \* \* \*

In addition to an extraordinary collection of artwork and custom-framing, Ocean Galleries also offers a variety of hand-made crafts from local, regional, and national artists in America, such as glass, pottery, jewelry, and furniture. **All summer exhibitions take place at the Stone Harbor location of Ocean Galleries (9618 Third Avenue). Ocean Galleries also has an Avalon, NJ location at 2199 Ocean Drive.** For seasonal hours at both gallery locations, call **609-368-7777** or visit [oceangalleries.com](http://oceangalleries.com)

# # #

Established in 1986, Ocean Galleries is a distinguished fine art gallery and custom-framing retailer with locations in Avalon and Stone Harbor, New Jersey. We represent national and local artists, originals and fine art reproductions; with a mission of personally introducing our clientele to the fine artists and their coveted artwork. Ocean Galleries is considered one of the best custom framing operations in the industry for quality and design, with all framing done in-house. Ocean Galleries also offers a wide variety of hand-crafted items such as glass, jewelry, and furniture. Over the years, the gallery has become nationally known for hosting renowned artists such as Peter Max, Josef Kote, Autumn de Forest, Romero Britto, Charles Fazzino, Graham Nash, Ringo Starr, Hessam, Aldo Luongo, Jane Seymour, Don Hatfield, Howard Behrens, Jiang, Wyland, Viktor Shvaiko, Sam Park, and many others. As a regional and national dealer to individuals and corporate collectors, Ocean Galleries promotes artists with extraordinary abilities and established value, while practicing the highest standards of credibility and integrity in a comfortable and unpretentious atmosphere. For more information and store hours, visit [OceanGalleries.com](http://OceanGalleries.com)