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**GROUNDBREAKING DIGITAL ARTIST, STEPHEN HARLAN,  
MAKES FIRST TIME APPEARANCE AT OCEAN GALLERIES**

*Artist to bring "Water's Edge" collection of art to Stone Harbor July 19-21, 2019*

STONE HARBOR, NJ – June 18, 2019 – This July, Ocean Galleries welcomes groundbreaking artist, [Stephen Harlan](#), with his captivating digital artwork exhibit. Making his first appearance in southern New Jersey, Harlan is best known for his bright and bold artwork that powerfully draws the viewer into a breathtaking scene, most often, along the coastal waters.

The "Stephen Harlan – Water's Edge" exhibit opens at [Ocean Galleries](#) (9618 Third Avenue, Stone Harbor, NJ/609.368.7777) on Friday, July 19 and runs through Sunday, July 21, 2019. Guests can meet Stephen Harlan at gallery receptions from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, and from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 21.



*40 Years Together, Copyright Stephen Harlan 2019*

In a world moving quickly into the future, Stephen Harlan has established his own unique style of digital artwork. Each piece of art 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.



*Not a Sound, Copyright Stephen Harlan 2019*

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.

Having traveled and lived in many beautiful locations, Harlan has a lifetime of vivid memories from which to draw on as he creates each unique painting. 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.

Stephen Harlan explains the creative process for each piece of art, “My inspiration and motivation stem from wanting to create a general feeling of ‘I want to be in that place.’ Even though I have a general idea of the mood I wish to capture, I never really know what a finished painting will look like until I actually print out a large proof.”

In planning the 2019 summer season of exhibits, gallery owner, Kim Miller, sought out Harlan in large part because of his coastal-themed art. “Stephen’s water scenes are simply breathtaking. We know fans of the Jersey Shore...and beaches everywhere...will love his captivating artwork.”



*Heard About This Place, Copyright Stephen Harlan 2019*

Throughout his 30+ year career as an artist, Stephen Harlan’s iconic work has adorned the covers of national magazines from commercial, industrial, and musical amphitheater promotions to trendsetting publications.

The “Stephen Harlan – Water’s Edge” exhibition will be at Ocean Galleries in Stone Harbor beginning Friday, July 19 through Sunday, July 21. Guests can meet the popular digital artist from 7:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Friday, July 19 and Saturday, July 20, and from 1:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, July 21. The free exhibition is open daily from 10:00 AM until 10:00 PM throughout the weekend, with all artwork in the collection available for acquisition.



*Good to be Home, Copyright Stephen Harlan*

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)

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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)