PRESS RELEASE:

Announcing an exhibition of fine photographs of the Western Pennsylvania area by Murrysville, Pennsylvania artist and photographer, Bob Bickers during the month of February, 2016 at the Elaine Biondi Gallery Space in Monroeville, Pennsylvania.

The show, entitled "Close to Home" will take place February 2nd - 29th, 2016 at the Monroeville Public Library, 4000 Gateway Campus Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146, by the Gateway School. An Opening Reception will be held on Saturday, February 6th, 6:00-8:00pm and the public is invited. A portion from the sale of artwork benefits the volunteer group, Friends of the Monroeville Public Library. Gallery hours during the exhibition are: 9:00am-9:00pm Monday-Thursday; 9:00am-5:00pm Friday & Saturday; and 12:00pm-3:00pm Sunday.

Directions to the Monroeville Public Library: Take Parkway Exit 84A or Turnpike Exit 57 or Route 22 to Monroeville, go south on Route 48 (Mosside Boulevard). Turn right at the 4th light onto Gateway Campus Boulevard. Then turn left at stop sign to library.

Bob Bickers is an artist living and working from his home and studio in Murrysville, Pennsylvania. Although he has created art in oils and acrylics for many years, his interest in photography extends even further into his past when he was once a camera salesman and a professional wedding photographer. Bob has captured images all across North America, but this exhibition concentrates on photographs taken largely in Western Pennsylvania, hence the show's title, "Close to Home".

More about Bob Bickers can be found at his website, <u>http://www.bobbickers.net</u> and his blog, <u>http://fineartbybobbickers.blogsspot.com</u>.

