

PRESS RELEASE:

Announcing an exhibition of fine oil paintings entitled "**ON THE MOON : An artist's interpretation of the exploration of the lunar surface by Apollo 11 and the missions that followed**" by Murrysville, Pennsylvania artist (and space enthusiast) **Bob Bickers** from **July 3 - 30, 2019**, at the **Elaine Biondi Gallery Space** in Monroeville, Pennsylvania. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

The Gallery Space is located at the Monroeville Public Library, 4000 Gateway Campus Blvd., Monroeville, PA 15146, by the Gateway School. A portion from the sale of artwork benefits the volunteer group, Friends of the Monroeville Public Library.

- A **free public presentation** will be given at the gallery on **July 11, 2019, 7-8:30 pm**, entitled "**Apollo 11 - Fifty Years a Memory**" in which Bob Bickers, will give his observations and reflections on the first landing on the moon in 1969 and what we have learned about the mission in the years since.
- An **Artist's Opening Reception** will be held at the gallery on **July 20, 2019, 6 - 8 pm**, the actual 50th anniversary of the Apollo 11 landing on the moon. It is also free and open to the public.
- A display case will also exhibit Bob's extensive collection of **Apollo 11 memorabilia** including newspapers, magazines and collectibles from the first landing on the moon on July 20, 1969.

Gallery hours during the exhibition are: 9:00am-9:00pm Monday-Thursday; 9:00am-5:00pm Friday & Saturday; closed Sundays. The library will be closed July 4, 2019.

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

Bob Bickers has been creating art professionally for over 40 years but he has been a committed follower of the space program for over half a century. While he has celebrated prior anniversaries of the Apollo 11 mission with his art before, this show represents new artwork inspired by not only the first manned lunar landing, but the subsequent five Apollo landings on the moon that followed.

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

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For Additional information on the Elaine Biondi Gallery Space visit:

<http://www.monroevillelibrary.org/gallery-space>