

Hingham Public Library & North River Arts Society

Treasured Trash

New exhibit features work of watercolor artist Andrew Kusmin

HINGHAM - A collection of paintings by nationally-acclaimed watercolorist Andrew Kusmin proves that mankind's trash can be an artist's treasure.

The exhibit, now open in the Hingham Public Library's Dolphin Gallery, delivers the “capture the moment” magic so familiar in Kusmin's work, but this selection of paintings also tells a contemporary tale of our struggle to protect and preserve our planet, often reflected against his signature New England seaside and landscape settings.

An artist's reception will be held from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Jan. 14, in the Dolphin Gallery, located at 66 Leavitt St. in Hingham. The show will be open for public viewing through Feb. 28.

The North River Arts Society. Based in Marshfield Hills, is sponsoring and hosting the Treasured Trash exhibit.

“Every object tells a story, even the rubbish and refuse of our lives,” Kusmin said. “Art inspires us to convey more than just the adventure of our excellence, but also the drama of our debris, the message behind our mess, and sometimes even the laughter in our litter.”

Kusmin is known for his ability to create fine, almost photographic detail and rich hues in his watercolor paintings. His landscapes and still lifes often capture the human story by depicting not the people themselves but their interaction with and impact on the world around them.

Kusmin, an award-winning, Plymouth-based painter, author and teacher and longtime president of the Plymouth Guild for the Arts, was pivotal in the creation and development of the Plymouth Center for the Arts in historic downtown Plymouth and the Parish Center for the Arts on the Westford Town Green. He is a signature member of a myriad of art organizations and served for four years as president of the New England Watercolor Society.

His work has been exhibited nationwide by the the National Watercolor Society, the American Watercolor Society, the Watercolor Art Society–Houston, Salmagundi Club National, Knickerbocker Arts National and the New England Watercolor Society.

Kusmin's artistic and personal journey is the inspiration for his recent book, “Palette of Dreams,” which presents more than 200 of his paintings across nine themed chapters interwoven with entertaining and insightful text that together detail and illustrate Kusmin's story, his philosophy of art and his message of support for artists and would-be artists everywhere. Reviewers note that, while the paintings are beautifully presented, this is not just a coffee table art book but a work as important to read and reread as it is to view. “Palette of Dreams” will be available for purchase during the Jan. 14 artist's reception and throughout the duration of the exhibit.

For more information on Kusmin's art and book, visit kusminarts.com and like Kusmin Arts on

Facebook. Email andrew@kusminarts.com or call the Kusmin Gallery at 508-746-9215 to check its current hours, arrange a visit or learn more about the classes he offers.

For more info on the Hingham Public Library, go to hinghamlibrary.org or call 781-741-1405.

To learn more about the North River Arts Society, visit northriverarts.org or call 781-837-8091.