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LOCAL LANDSCAPES ON DISPLAY AT NJMC'S FLYWAY GALLERY

LYNDHURST, N.J. – The New Jersey Meadowlands Commission will host “Seeing Through My Eyes II,” an exhibit of paintings by local artist Chris Kappmeier. His works can be seen throughout the month of March at the Flyway Gallery in the Meadowlands Environment Center.

For Kappmeier, the landscapes that serve as his subject matter double as his studio. The Lyndhurst resident, who has trained in Sicily, works in the open air employing a post-impressionist style that brings to mind such masters as Van Gogh and Renoir.

“My art is about the feeling of the moment and not done from pictures,” Kappmeier says. “In this way I am part of all of my paintings. Art is the most important thing in my life.”

Using watercolors, pastels, oil paints, and crayons, Kappmeier creates vivid images of the Meadowlands and beyond, from bustling street scenes in Lyndhurst and Hoboken to the quiet beauty of Meadowlands Marshes and Jersey Shore sands.

Kappmeier is a graduate of the Newark School of Fine and Industrial Art and completed an apprenticeship in Syracuse, Italy. His paintings have been exhibited over the past 20 years at many locations in New Jersey and New York, including the Hoboken Historical Museum, Leena Digangi Gallery, Art Center of Northern New Jersey and Agora Gallery.

The exhibit will run from March 1 through March 31. A reception with the artist is scheduled for noon to 2 p.m. March 8.

The Flyway Gallery was created by the NJMC to help foster the cultural identity of the 14-town Meadowlands District by providing a space to showcase the talent of local artists. The gallery is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday and Sunday. For information, please call (201) 460-8300 or visit www.njmeadowlands.gov/ec.

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