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Local Talent on Display @ Your Library

(PANAMA CITY, FL) – Stop by the Bay County Public Library during the month of June to view some fabulous artwork by local artists.

Our hanging exhibit, “Local Talent,” will showcase over fifteen pieces of artwork by different artists from the Bay County area, such as Olga Guy, George Spindler, Harry Blake, Jim Hayton, Merisa Roja, and Donna Jangula.

We are also hosting a special exhibit in our display case of the woodwork of artist Bobby Cosey. Bobby’s brother-in-law, Bill Pouncy, is showing the works as a memorial to Bobby, who passed away in January.

Bill says, “Visiting the home of Bobby and Artie Cosey in Brewton, Alabama, usually ended with a trip to the backyard workshop. Everyone wanted to see what new project Bobby had completed.”

After retiring from Monsanto Chemicals as Chief Chemical Operator, Bobby spent his later years developing his artistic talents. His first foray into the world of art was painting landscapes using artist Bob Ross’s technique. He filled not only canvases with beautiful scenery of mountains, old barns, and waterfalls, but also painted on plywood, Plexiglas, and glass, making his own frames. Many of his friends and family members were gifted with one or more of his paintings and, later, with his next endeavor of wooden creations.

He started out by making toys for nieces and nephews, and graduated to big boy toys: trucks, trains, and backhoes. His attention to detail included moving parts using only wooden dowel sticks. Metal was only used as decoration.

Bobby passed away in January of this year at the age of 81. Bobby’s wife, Artie, is the sister of Melba Kent Pouncy of Panama City. She and her husband, Bill, are privileged to share a small portion of Bobby’s work with their friends and neighbors.

The display will consist of several woodworks, such as a caboose, backhoe, and locomotive, as well as a quail clock that showcases wood burning, and a miniature painting.

The Bay County Public Library is located at 898 West 11th Street in Panama City. For more information, please call the library at 522-2100 or visit www.nwrls.com.

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