Harbor Gallery to exhibit ocean-inspired art through June

The Harbor Gallery has chosen two local artists inspired by the ocean — Johnny Glogowski and Janet Payne — to exhibit for the month of June.

Both artists have exhibited their work at the Harbor Gallery in the past, and this month’s exhibition will feature new works by both artists. The exhibition will be on display throughout June in Harbor Gallery at the Nature Center of Cape May.

Johnny Glogowski’s work is inspired by his love of the ocean and surfers. He started at an early age, spending hours tossed by the waves with his friends. “The ocean is everything to me,” he said. “It’s my friends. It’s my peace and quiet. It’s my teacher. It’s my therapy. It’s an instant mood changer.”

Glogowski’s photographs capture the mood of the ocean, often shot during the “golden hour,” the last hour of the day. Glogowski shoots in both black and white and color, depending on the story or feeling he wants to portray with each photo. He is a natural artist and jeweler who spends hours each morning walking the beaches of Cape May to collect sea glass for inspiration.

Janet Payne is inspired by the ocean — Johnny Glogowski and Janet Payne — to exhibit for the month of June in Harbor Gallery at the Nature Center of Cape May.

Payne was inspired to start picking up beach trash after seeing microplastic on the strand line of a beach in Hawaii more than six years ago. “I want to make sure that all of our grandchildren have a beautiful beach to enjoy and explore,” she said. “I want to make sure that my fish can be a conversation starter about our use of single-use plastic and hopefully bring about some changes in our every day use of plastics,” she said. Payne is inspired by the natural, ocean-worn textures in the driftwood she finds on the beach. Using acrylic paint, she gently coaxes the natural ocean graphics out of these pieces of wood, which are then framed with bits of dune fencing that she also finds on the beach.

Along the way she picks up beach trash, trash she uses to create fanciful fish out of the plastic collected from the tide line.

The CDC recommends wearing a mask indoors and on public transportation in areas of high transmission and staying up to date on vaccinations.

As of Sunday, New Jersey had 20 new COVID-19 deaths and 2,559 confirmed positive tests, down 7 per cent from a week ago but up 10 per cent from a month ago.

No charges in crash that killed pedestrian

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