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**“Paper Mosaics” January Art Exhibit at the Library**

The Shepard Hall Gallery at the Santa Maria Public Library is displaying “Paper Mosaics,” featuring work by Susan McKee during the month of January. The exhibition will focus on McKee’s unique style of combining the texture and tough vibrancy of collage, with ink and acrylic paint. A turn in her path brought McKee and her husband to China for over a year and a half, where they taught English to eager university students. This life-changing event inspired her interest in collage, or what she calls “paper mosaics,” in which she feels best captures the Chinese spirit. McKee has also included this type of artwork in a book she has written, which tells the story of their teaching experiences in China.

Formal art training from universities and private study with artists in Germany opened doors for McKee. The resulting work has been shown in several galleries in Cambria, Paso Robles, San Luis Obispo, and many award shows. She has participated in the Open Studios Art Tour, and her paintings are also featured in private collections across the United States and Asia.

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