

## Energy and Serenity in the Paintings of Davis McGinty on Display at the Tualatin Library

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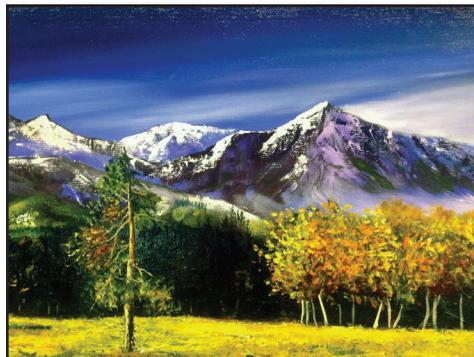
A gloriously colorful mix of acrylic paintings hang at the Tualatin Library in a new art exhibition featuring the inspired works of Davis McGinty. The Living Room Gallery contains a sampling of his art and the largest paintings ever to hang in the space. Sun infused landscapes and contemplative koi ponds light up the gallery along with some dazzling portraits of music legend Jimmy Hendrix. McGinty's paintings draw you in and move you. His gift for capturing the life and energy of his subjects makes this exhibition extra special.

A life-long artist, McGinty was part of the Black Culture Movement that swept art and the nation twenty years ago. McGinty was introduced on the national art scene with a large painting entitled "The Awakening" which commemorated the Million Man March on Washington D.C.



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More recently McGinty follows his passion to paint subjects less topical in nature and more universal. His art now excites a wider audience. His work has been represented by the Omni Gallery in the Pearl District of Portland. He paints in oils and acrylics and still finds he loves to experiment. What McGinty knows is "I have to paint and I have to paint what I enjoy." And he lives by a very positive, self-empowering philosophy: "I believe that everything you are seeking is out there seeking you – and you just have to be ready and open to it." For this artist,



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that would translate into having his art hanging on walls in homes all around America.

McGinty resides in Sherwood with his wife and daughter. In addition to his art career, he is something of a local celebrity for his previous success as a body builder. In 1984 he became Mr. Oregon, and he still maintains a chiseled six-foot frame. He talked to me about mental science and conditioning, another interest for the past ten years. He said, "If you're going to be successful, you have to be willing to be uncomfortable and take those steps that lead to something else."

Enjoy McGinty's paintings through the end of the year. If you are interested in learning more about opportunities to display at the Living Room Gallery, please contact Angela Wrahtz, Volunteer Coordinator, at [angela.wrahtz@comcast.net](mailto:angela.wrahtz@comcast.net). This program is sponsored in part by the Tualatin Arts Advisory Committee.



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