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## Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport Features New Coastal Artists

Two new art exhibits are now on display at Gulfport-Biloxi International Airport. Both exhibits occupy the display cases located near the airline gates on the second floor of the terminal building. The art exhibits feature the work of Suzy Templin and Betty Magee.

Suzy was born and raised in Minnesota where she earned two bachelor degrees in Fine Art from the Minnesota State University graduating in 1996. She relocated to South Mississippi's Keesler Air Force Base in 1989 where she was hired as a Military Fine Artist. She has been doing coastal artwork for 25 years where her true love for the Gulf Coast is portrayed. She has won the Biloxi Seafood Festival Poster Contest five times. Suzy recently won Chefs to the Coast event's poster contest and the Blue Moon Art Project that was held during The Peter Anderson festival in downtown Ocean Springs. "Being an artist is my passion. There is a place I find in my mind that puts things in perspective for me, so I can create artwork I feel satisfied with," said artist Suzy Templin.



Betty Magee began seriously painting over 40 years ago. Betty was born in McComb, MS where her father was a very prolific graphic artist, and her roots were really in New Orleans, LA where she began her art career. She won awards in her first four shows she entered which was an endorsement for her to go forward. Betty is accomplished in all mediums oils, pastels, ceramics, watercolor, acrylics and more. Art is her identity. Betty says, "I have to create to feel alive." Betty loves to paint nature. The native flora and fauna of the coast, especially the bogs with pitcher plants are represented in her exhibit in the airport. Betty also is one of the founders of the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Center of Arts & Education.



The Airport Art Program enhances the experience of those flying from the airport. The program helps to educate visitors and locals on the cultural heritage, and showcase the artistic development of the Mississippi Gulf Coast region. Other artists who wish to submit their work for consideration for the Airport Art Program are urged to contact Ashley Duke at [aduke@fltygpt.com](mailto:aduke@fltygpt.com) for more information.

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