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The 2017 Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo announces local artist's work for this year's commemorative poster
Beach artist Ed Obermeyer is featured

(VIRGINIA BEACH, Va. – April 25, 2017) – [The Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo](#) from May 27 – 29 at the Virginia Beach Oceanfront is pleased to announce Virginia Beach artist and retired Virginia Beach City Public Schools art teacher, Ed Obermeyer has been selected as the poster artist for this year's event.

“My acrylic paintings reflect my deep passion for all things earth and ocean-related. After sailing and surfing around the world, I returned with newfound enthusiasm and created my complex pattern paintings from those experiences. I’ve been surfing the Virginia since 1964. I was a WRV surf team captain as well as being active in the Eastern Surfing Association for many years. When it comes to my art, I let the picture speak for me.”, said [Obermeyer](#) of his work.

When asked what the inspiration was for the selected piece, Obermeyer responded, “This painting was inspired by all those years surfing here but was especially inspired by photographer, [John Wright](#). John and I have collaborated on a lot of paintings based on his amazing photography and this one really brought it home.

I sold this one to Marla and Jim Nock at the Ocean View Art Show last year sponsored by the Chesapeake Bay Art Association. It was especially wonderful because for several years they have followed me to many shows and always said, “One day were going to buy one of your original paintings.” Last year they repeated that, but then said, “This is the day!”

“We are more than thrilled to feature Ed’s work on our commemorative poster. He captures the essence of the Classic – a local surfer and artist”, said Steel Pier Classic organizer, Mary Knight.

Jodie Woodward, the organizer of the VB Surf Art Expo had this to say about Obermeyer, “Ed has been an artist at Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo for several years. We are elated to award this year's poster art to Ed -- through his eyes and his paintbrush.”

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Steel Pier Classic

Started on New Year’s Day 2004 and steered by Mary Knight, Zeke Saunders and the many passionate volunteers and members of the Virginia Longboard Federation, the mission has always been to give back to the community by bringing the community together as one. Everyone works on a volunteer basis for the love for surfing and the ocean. Our vision realizes that surfing is an art, no matter the medium – on a board or art capturing the elements of surf. Each Memorial Day, we celebrate this love and the art of surfing at the Steel Pier Classic and Surf Art Expo. Proceeds from this annual event support the local charities. Connect to www.steelpierclassic.com for more information, entry forms, and a schedule of events.

VB Surf Art Expo

For the Surf Art Expo, go to www.vbsurfartexpo.com or contact Jodie Woodward, show director at [757-222-2355](tel:757-222-2355). Now in its 10th year, the Surf Art Expo takes place on the boardwalk during the surf competition and is all about the surf, the ocean, and the beach. Surf artists and artisans are featured in all mediums, such as painting, sculpture, metalwork, jewelry, photography, furniture, woodwork and custom surfboard and skateboard designs.



Artist Ed Obermeyer with his wife Kris



Ed Obermeyer's painting chosen as the poster art for the 2017 Steel Pier Classic & Surf Art Expo. The painting is titled 1st Street Jetty Sunrise