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**The Illustrations of Gary T. Shepard
May 20 - August 28**

Art Director and exceptional illustrator and graphic design artist, Gary started with *Bear Essential News for Kids* in 1995. He received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design from East Tennessee State University in 1983. His water-color front covers are a huge hit with young readers. Gary is fluent in English and Spanish and has illustrated bilingual children's books including "Green Com Tamales," and "This Old Man/Este Viejito." Gary lives in Tucson, Arizona with his wife Betsy and dog Desi.

The original paintings for his illustrations will be on display in the Heffernon gallery of the Museum from May 20 through August 28. The paintings are also puzzles with hidden items for the viewer to find. This is a golden opportunity to introduce children to art this summer by bringing them to this exhibit.

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“Beary Potter” watercolor



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“Boomer and Picnic” watercolor



“Caveman Boomer” watercolor

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