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On the edge of water and memory

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Maisie Crowther's watercolors and multimedia works are
on view at the Crowell Art Gallery through July 31

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Crowell Art Gallery at Moore Free Library, 23 West St., is
now featuring artwork by Maisie Crowther's "On the Edge,"
including watercolors and multimedia works, through Friday, July
31.

A reception takes place Saturday, July 18, from 1 to 3
p.m.

11 “Water, in all its states, is the inspiration for my
12 painting,” Crowther says in her artist statement. “The interaction
13 of water as river, ocean, ice, or fog with other elements of earth,
14 fire, and air, is the focus of my study of watercolor.”

15 She continues: “Painting is a conversation between the
16 changing land or seascape, and the artist who entertains the
17 challenge of rendering the fluidity of nature in a permanent
18 ‘frozen moment.’

19 “The question that brings it to mind, of course, is the
20 importance of water [...]. Water is essential for life,” she
21 continues.

22 **Memories frozen in water**

23 “This exhibit is really about a flashback to 1980s when
24 our family went out West and spent some time at Lake Powell in
25 Arizona,” along with sailing down the creek, Crowther says.

26 She spoke about when in the 1980s her family went out
27 west, spending time at Lake Powell in Arizona and sailing down
28 the creek.

29 “I think my older siblings liked to go to the beach, and I
30 tagged along,” said Crowther, the youngest of four siblings. “My
31 mother was very happy to have babysitters that could take me
32 places, and the beach was one of the favorite places.”

33 She emphasizes her relationship to water and the
34 connection to where she lives in her forest on Ames Hill.

35 “I think we’re very lucky in Vermont. We haven’t had too
36 many droughts,” Crowther says. “We have to be careful how we
37 use [water] and how we keep from polluting it.”

38 **Making a splash**

39 Crowther studied painting, drawing, and printmaking
40 throughout her schooling and continued learning these genres.

41 She has advice for new watercolorists.

42 “Play,” she says. “Use your brushes as part of your whole
43 arm, or whatever is holding them. Sweep the paper, dot, and line;

44 find a rhythm to the strokes. Use different tools, and don't be
45 afraid to leave white paper."

46 She continues to give advice about when some should
47 start showing their work: "Right away," Crowther says. "Don't be
48 afraid of critique."

49 Interacting is also invaluable for artists, she adds.

50 "As I have learned from my students, art brings
51 community closer," Crowther says.

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52 The [Crowell Art Gallery](#) is located within the Moore Free
53 Library at 23 West St. in Newfane. Hours are Tuesday and
54 Wednesday from 1 to 5 p.m., Thursday from 1 to 6 p.m., Friday
55 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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