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“Manna from Heaven – and Earth,”

One Person Exhibition of new paintings by **Leslie Neumann**

[Morean Arts Center](#), 719 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

727-822-7872, ext. 2112. Curator of Exhibitions, Amanda Cooper

MAY 12 THROUGH JUNE 29, 2018

Opening reception, May 12, 5-9 pm. Free and open to the public. All are welcome. Artist will be present.

Gallery Talk by artist: JUNE 21, 2018, 6:00 – 7:30 pm. “25 Years of Art and Environmental Activism.” Free and open to the public. All are welcome.

In May/June, the [Morean Arts Center](#) hosts two exhibitions which focus on environmental issues and the role of an artist to usher in awareness and change.

Leslie Neumann presents a brand-new body of work focusing on the power of nature. For 25 years, she has lived and worked in Aripeka, Florida, located on the Gulf of Mexico, 50 miles north of St. Petersburg, but 50 years back in time. Neumann divides her time between art-making, expressing the beauty of Aripeka and environmental activism, working to preserve the surrounding 15,000 acres of coastal marsh.

She often depicts nature from the kayak point of view, where she’s nose to nose with the wetlands, and also from a flying bird’s view, where she floats above it all in the clouds, providing a different view of the earth’s beauty.

Neumann's medium is encaustic, hot wax, which produces luminous colors and lush textures.

Joan Altabe, Sarasota Herald Tribune

"Like the word love, "landscape painting" is often put to use as a common place term, wasted on work of little distinction or feeling. Leslie Neumann's visions of natural scenery are the real thing. There's no peace here, no safe hold. Neumann's landscapes are about life. They celebrate unpredictability and mood. If you want to see the sublime, if you want to see what Florida would be missing without its wetlands, see these pictures by Neumann."

The second exhibition at the [Morean](#) is called "Water over the Bridge," co-curated by Amanda Cooper of the [Morean](#) with New York City artist and independent curator Dominick Lombardi. Each curator has chosen local and national artists whose work addresses climate change and rising sea levels.

The Morean Arts Center is located at 719 Central Avenue, St. Petersburg, Florida, directly across the street from the [Chihuly Collection](#).

Hours are Monday-Saturday 9am to 5pm, daily, Sunday Noon-5pm.

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Leslie Neumann, "On the Threshold," oil/encaustic (hot wax), 45"x60"

