

## Arts/entertainment notes

*By Patriot Ledger staff*

### Oh to be beside the seaside

REGIONAL - Local artist Jack Witol will present the second exhibition of his Manomet-inspired paintings at PACTV Gallery in Plymouth.

Witol, who was born and grew up in Boston, lived on the bluff at Manomet for 20 years and draws much of his inspiration from the town's coastline and gardens.

At first, his paintings were mostly seascapes, but in 2001 his subject matter expanded to include the profusion of flowers in Manomet gardens each spring and summer.

Witol, who used to skip class at Boston English High to stroll the galleries of the Gardener Museum and Museum of Fine Arts, "sort of fell into" painting after enrolling at UMass Boston in 1976 and taking a class in language of art. That led ultimately a course in French impressionist painting taught by renowned artist Paul Hayes Tucker,

The influence of impressionism, long a style loved by Witol, is clearly visible in his art.

So his is love of the sea.

Not only are the paintings mostly seascapes, many are also hand-framed by Witol using oak from old wooden lobster pots gathered during walks along the Manomet beach with his Alaskan malamute, Isis, before she died in 1989.

Witol's work will be on display until Aug. 10 at PACTV Gallery, 130 Court St. (Route 3A), Plymouth. For more information call 508-830-6999.

### **I'll be watching you**

Witness the unveiling of 38 intimate images offering a rare glimpse into the behind the scenes world of The Police.

An exhibit of new photographs by Andy Summers, guitarist for the legendary rock band, opens July 21 at Newbury Fine Arts.

The black-and-white photographs reveal everything from onstage life to backstage life to off-stage life from 1980 to 1983.

The exhibit runs through Aug. 10 at 29 Newbury St., Boston. For more information (and a preview of the pics) visit [newburyfinearts.com](http://newburyfinearts.com).

### **Boston French film festival**

Running through July 29 at Remis Auditorium, Museum of Fine Arts, films include "My Best Friend: The Man of My Life"; "The Singer"; "The Very Big Apartment"; "Family Hero"; "Dans Paris"; "The Untouchable"; "Parting Shot"; and "Witnesses." The MFA is at 465 Huntington Ave., Boston. Go to [mfa.org](http://mfa.org) or call 617-267-9300.

### **Granite Railway Quarry to Wharf tour**

Massachusetts Bay Railroad Enthusiasts are offering a van-and-foot tour of the first commercial railroad in the country in Quincy and Milton. Tours start at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. Saturday and Sunday and last 3½ hours. Meet at Quincy Historical Society, 8 Adams St., Quincy Center. Go to [massbayrre.org](http://massbayrre.org) or call 617-822-4046.

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