

Syosset Public Library Art Gallery and Glass Display Case  
March 3 – March 27, 2010

# Caboose Art

by watercolorist, **George Wybenga**

The Syosset Public Library will be exhibiting the work of George Wybenga. His work will be on view from March 3 to March 27 at the library's Art Gallery.

The Caboose, that varnishing icon of railroading in North America, deserves better fate than consignment to the scrap yard. A small number of cabooses are still in use by a few railroads as backing platforms of maintenance of way sheds on wheels, but the function of the caboose as the control room at the end of every freight train has been usurped by FRED, that flashing rear end device hooked to the rear coupler of the last freight car.

Well known for his award winning serigraphs, George Wybenga has created a series of watercolor paintings of cabooses in order to create a visual record of this disappearing image of American rail transportation history. Since the Fall of 2001 he has completed over 240 images and continues to build the collection with the help of aficionados who supply him with reference material and from photos and sketches obtained from the artist's various cross country automobile trips. From the paintings he creates affordable limited edition prints for other caboose lovers to enjoy.

