

Luke Buck

American Artist

Luke Buck, a native *Hoosier*, was raised in a family of artist and grew up in Indiana with a love for life, art, and nature that is evident in his nostalgic paintings of Americana landscapes and wildlife

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Earning a scholarship while majoring in art at *Arsenal Technical High School*, Luke studied figure drawing at the *John Heron Art Institute*, both in Indianapolis, Indiana. He credits his advanced training and education to his artist father *Harold Buck*, his colleagues, and artist friends whom have generously shared their knowledge and expertise with him through the years with *on the job training*.

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Being drafted into the US Army in 1963 Luke served his two year military stint as an "*Illustrator*" at Ft. Meade, MD., *Headquarters Second U.S. Army, Office Of The Deputy Chief Of Staff, Intelligence. (DCSINT)*

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Buck's talents have won him numerous Honors and Awards through the years and his work has been exhibited throughout the country in over 500 major juried and invitational art shows, including gallery solo shows. His unique talents as an artist have earned him a strong following among art enthusiast and his paintings are included in private collections in every state in the United States and several countries abroad.

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Luke's father had once advised him to paint, not to please others, but to please each artist toughest critic,, himself. "*Satisfy yourself with a painting, if you're happy, others will be happy too.*" When Buck is content with a painting he always adds a personal final touch to it in an inconspicuous place, *his fingerprint*.

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Luke's inspiration comes through the encouragement and confidence expressed from his loving wife Coleen. When not enjoying life at their lakefront home in southern Indiana, they still explore the byways and blue highways of America capturing it's beauty with his palette.

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Artist Statement

"I am in awe of this life and this world. It is overwhelming and obviously a miracle. This is God's creation and his gift to us. No artist can come close to duplicating the beauty or even the feeling you may have as you behold the scenes before you, but it is enjoyable to attempt to convey to others with your paintings sharing your own insights, or to 'capture the moment', of your own feelings and appreciation of what you are experiencing".

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Kevin Buckland, artist/designer

“Watercolor painting without limits”

Kevin Buckland is a Central Ohio watercolor artist known for his elaborate and engaging paintings. His mastery of the medium shines through in his exclusive use of watercolor. Let's explore more about Kevin and his artistic journey:

- **Inspiration:** Kevin draws inspiration from various sources, not limiting himself to any particular subject. His passion for watercolor allows him to explore endless creative possibilities.
- **Recent Exhibitions:** Kevin's work has been featured in several prestigious exhibitions, including the 2024 Mansfield Art Center Juried May Show, the 2024 Central Ohio Watercolor Society Juried Spring Show, and the 2024 Ohio Watercolor Society Annual Juried Show. Additionally, he has participated in plein air exhibits and Central Ohio art festivals.
- **Notable Roles and Achievements:**
 - **Art At The Arnold:** Kevin has served as the Chairman of “Art At The Arnold” for an impressive 11 years.
 - **PBS Blogger:** He has contributed to the Civilizations Art Series as a PBS blogger.
 - **Ohio Watercolor Society Board Member:** Kevin held this position from 2020 to 2025.
 - **Membership:** He is an associate member of the American Watercolor Society. Signature member of The Ohio Watercolor Society and has been an active member of the Central Ohio Watercolor Society since 2000.
 - **Teaching:** Kevin has shared his expertise by teaching watercolor classes for many years.
- **Buckland Gillespie Design:** Kevin and his wife, Pertain, own and operate Buckland Gillespie Design in Columbus, Ohio. While he enjoys graphic art and working with corporate clients, watercolor remains his true passion.

For more information and to explore Kevin's artwork, visit his website:

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Deanna's (watercolor & acrylics) experience as an artist covers most of her life, but changed to a professional career over the last thirty years. She works in several mediums in a vast array of subjects from realistic to abstract.

Earning a degree in Commercial Art from the University of Akron and taking ongoing classes and workshops from nationally known artists keeps her work fresh. Besides a multitude of one-woman shows, she exhibits in numerous group and indoor-outdoor shows. Her award winning work can be found throughout the U.S.

Deanna also teaches Drawing for the Novice at Cuyahoga Valley Art Center and private lessons. She is a proud member of:

Alliance for the Visual Arts, Akron Ohio: Kaleidoscope Show (Chair)

Crooked River Gang

Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (Drawing for the Novice), Instructor

Hudson Society of Artists (Exhibition chair member shows and Clothesline Art Show)

Medina County Art League- (Past President, Past Vice President), (Chair of Aquarius Exhibition) & Art in the Park juror and committee member.

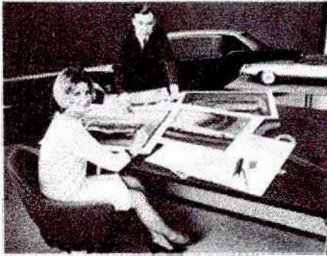
Ohio Watercolor Society

Whiskey Painters of America

Women's Art League of Akron (Past President), (Past Vice President) & (Exhibition Chair) current Secretary

Women in Art

Joan Klatil Creamer



Joan Klatil Creamer has a diversified successful career in design. She was the first female exterior designer at General Motors, designing Cadillac and Advanced Buick exterior. Joan left General Motors for GE Consumer Electronics, Home Appliances and Wiring Devices. She later left corporate and started her freelance design business, expanding her reach to designing for several well-known home goods brands such as Lenox, Waterford/Wedgwood, Tupperware, and Burnes of Boston.

A group of automotive designers invited her to join the *League of Retired Automotive Designers* in 2007, to design concept cars every year ... just for fun. She continued her pursuit of expanding her reach to a variety of creative projects - the publication of a series of six children's books, *The Magic Sceptre*, which she authored and illustrated.



She's currently creating fine art paintings of famous and historical landmarks for her clients who promote her work through art gallery displays and fine retail gift shops. She is a member of Whiskey Painters of America since 1976

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Alice Davis

A northeast Ohio native, Alice Davis has been sketching since her childhood days. With experience in photography and various other artistic media, she acquired a passion for watercolor landscapes and still-life painting.

The beautiful landscape of the northeast Ohio area provides an abundance of beautiful subject matter for her works.

Beginning in 1994, she studied under various artists such as Mary Ann Boysen, Florian Lawton and Cathy Welner.

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Most recently she has attended classes at the Cliffside Museum in Hinckley, Ohio with Judy Carducci and Don Getz as the instructors. Her work has been displayed at the Robinson Memorial Hospital, the East Shore Invitational Art Show and she was a featured artist at a gallery in Boardman, Youngstown, Ohio.

She is a member of the Hudson Society of Artists, the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center and currently hosts a watercolor workshop at the Aurora Senior Center. In 2025, Cathy Welner sponsored Alice into a membership with the nationally recognized Whiskey Painters of America.

LARRY FENTZ, WPA, WSI larryfentz.com



Larry is a local Indiana artist who has pursued watercolor painting for over 50 years. He is considered a contemporary transparent watercolor artist with a style between impressionism and realism.

Larry worked as a professional airbrush artist and inker for Jim Davis and the worldwide, "Garfield" comic strip and merchandising art, for over 33 years.

He is a member of the **Hoosier Art Salon**, the **Indiana Plein Air Painters Association (IPAPA)**, the **Kentucky Watercolor Society (KWS)**, a "Signature Member" of the **Watercolor Society of Indiana (WSI)** and a "Lifetime Signature Member" of the **Whiskey Painters of America (WPA)**. The **WPA** is a unique and exclusive miniature watercolor society with only 150 members worldwide that must use some sort of alcoholic spirits to paint their 4x5" works of art.

Larry has exhibited in numerous shows including Indiana, Ohio, Vermont, Oklahoma and Florida including the **Indianapolis Museum of Art** with WSI. He is also published in the Feb. 2021 issue of the **Watercolor Artist Magazine** with his Whiskey Paintings and the advantages of sketching and painting in miniature.

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CHARLES L HARKER

Background

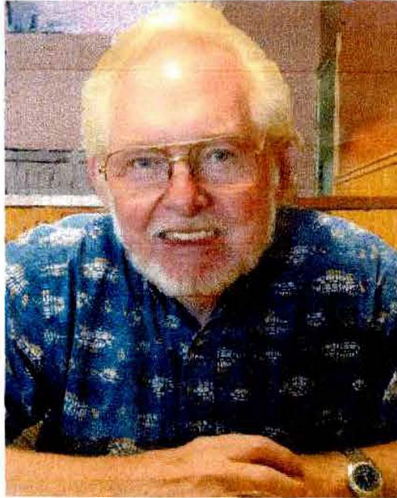
Charles Harker has been a member of the Whiskey Painters of America since 2017. His watercolors have received awards at the local and regional level. He was raised in a military family and moved constantly in his early years. As a young child he loved to draw and to paint in watercolor. In his teen years while living in Bermuda, he roamed and sketched the beaches and jungle; and decided that art was a direction he wished to pursue. Charles has degrees in both art and architecture from Texas Tech and the University of Texas. As a professor at Kent State University, he taught basic design, sketching, freehand drawing and color theory as well as architectural design. He has studied watercolor with the art faculty at the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (CVAC)—the original home of the Whiskey Painters! He later served as a trustee at the CVAC.

ARTIST STATEMENT

"I love to paint memories"

Charles' deep and abiding love of nature is responsible for his continued focus on landscape. His painting style is influenced by the American Impressionist and Tonalist periods. He seeks a strong sense of place and mood rather than true realism.

When asked if he was a "purist," he responded— "I will do anything to get the effect I want!"



Sam Hill

Sam has been a professional artist since 1985. He is a member of the **Art Guild at Fairfield Glade** in Tennessee, and is a past board member of the **Dayton Society of Painters and Sculptors**, and the **Western Ohio Watercolor Society**. He is a signature member of the **Ohio Watercolor Society**, **Whiskey painters of America**, and associate member of the **American Watercolor Society**.

His works are on display at several colleges and hospitals and in private collections, in Ohio, Tennessee and in many other states. He teaches watercolor color study workshops and private watercolor classes.

His recent list of accomplishments include several **Best of Show and First Place awards**, and inclusion in the **Ohio Watercolor Society** annual competition and traveling show. Also, Sam's series **ART IN A BEAUTIFUL WORLD**, was viewed at **The Cumberland Art Society's Gallery** in Cookeville, at **The Art & Frame Shop** in Crossville, and the **Art Circle Public Library**.

His artwork has been included in several national shows including the Highlands Art Festival Open Competition in Abingdon, Va, the New England Watercolor Society, and the New Orleans International show.

August of 2012 Sam opened his own studio inside the Art & Frame Shop in Downtown Crossville, TN. They have moved recently to 44 Peavine Plaza, suite 101, off of Peavine Rd.

His artwork at the Studio can be viewed Mon, Tues, Thurs & Fri, 10: AM - 4: pm.

YU LIU

Watercolor artist

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Dr. Yu Liu (b. 1983, Kunming, China) is a watercolor artist based in Hudson, Ohio, USA. She holds a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Urban Planning and Urban Design from Tongji University in Shanghai, China, and earned her PhD in Spatial Planning and Urban Development from the Polytechnic University of Milan in 2013.

After several years as an urban planner, designer, and researcher, Yu discovered a profound beauty in life through her artistry. For her, there is no such thing as bad weather; whether under the sun, in the rain, or amidst falling snow, each outing with her sketchbook reveals a rich tapestry of color and pattern. She perceives, she experiences, and she paints. While art may not extend the length of her life, it undoubtedly broadens its horizons.

Since relocating to the USA, Yu has immersed herself in watercolor painting and has showcased her work in several art exhibitions. Notable exhibitions include the 23rd Annual Kaleidoscope Juried Exhibition at Summit Art Space (2026), the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center (CVAC) Membership Exhibition (2022), the CVAC Student & Faculty Exhibition (2023 & 2025), CVAC Winter Exhibition (2024), CVAC Figurative Exhibition (2025), and the 39th Annual CVAC Juried Exhibition (2024), where she received an honorable mention. Additionally, she participated in the Hudson Society of Artists (HSA) Spring Show (2024 & 2025), HSA Holiday Art Show (2024), Hudson mArt (2025), and Art on Green (2025). Her artworks are also part of various national and international private collections. She is member of Whiskey Painters of America, Cuyahoga Valley Art Center, Hudson Society of Artists, and Evergreen Artist.



Terry Milk W.P.A.

A watercolor painter most of her life, Terry Milk became a signature member of the Whiskey Painters of America well before ever opening a distillery. The two go hand in hand. "Spending so much time outdoors in the Catskills inspires most of my Whiskey Paintings and it is also the inspiration for new and interesting products at Rock Valley Spirits." Her Whiskey Paintings are sold in the distillery's Tasting Room in upstate New York as well as their craft spirits.

After years living abroad, Terry returned to the beautiful Western Catskills region of upstate New York, an area that holds deep personal meaning for her and serves as a significant inspiration for her art. Terry's artistic talents encompass a range of mediums, including transparent watercolor, intricate pen and ink drawings, and vibrant colored pencil work.

Throughout her career, Terry has been actively involved in the arts community. She was an artist-in-residence for the State Arts Council of Oklahoma and played a key role in establishing the Morgan Arboretum's "Arbo-Expo" in Montreal, Quebec with fellow Whiskey Painter, Helmut Gerth. She has been affiliated with the Montreal Arts Club, The American Artists Professional League in NY, the Akron Society of Artists, and the Lawton Fort Sill Art Council. She has also served on the board of trustees of the Cuyahoga Valley Art Center and currently holds the position of President of the Whiskey Painters of America.

Travel has influenced Terry's artwork as well, with international locations frequently featured in her paintings. During her time in South America, she studied Ikebana (Japanese flower arranging) and earned several certificates from the Sogetsu school. The principles of scale, contrast, and balance inherent in Ikebana deeply inform the composition of her watercolors.

Beyond her passion for art, she is also the co-owner of Rock Valley Spirits, a craft distillery located in Long Eddy, NY.

Watercolor classes:

- Leroy "Tony" Cross - WPA
- Hal Scroggy - AWS, OWS, WPA
- Jack Mulhollen - OWS, WPA

Drawing, printmaking, and art history:

- University of Akron
- Cameron University

Professional Workshops:

- Frank Webb - AWS, NWS
- Frederick Wong - AWS, Allied Artists of America
- Bett Borgeson - Colored Pencil Society of America
- Dan Burt - AWS, NWS

Jackii Molsick, FWS, WPA

Artist's Bio

Art has always been a part of my soul. I am the daughter of an artist and the mother of one, and have done some form of art for as long as I can remember.

I spent 20 years as an Advertising Agency owner and worked both on the creative and business side. It was not until I sold the agency and my children were grown that I could pursue my art full-time. Since that time, I have concentrated on working in watercolor for the past 25 years, and have studied with many modern-day masters in the medium. My work reflects a love of color and light, and my subjects depict things that interest me from my journey through life.

I am a signature member and Past President for the Florida Watercolor Society, and a past Board member for Central Florida Watercolor Society. In 2019, I was honored to be juried into membership with the Whiskey Painters of America, a national miniature watercolor painting society.

I am a Resident Artist of the Leesburg Art Center, located in downtown Leesburg, Florida.

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Judy Puthuff, W.P.A.

Judy is a water-media artist, painting in watercolor, gouache, and acrylic. A cum laud graduate of Sacramento State College with a BA in Fine Art, she has gone on to study throughout her life with numerous National and Internationally acclaimed artists--including Alvaro Castagnet, Cheng Kee Chee, and many others. She has a large collection of watercolor sketchbooks compiled from travels around the world.

Judy was granted lifetime signature membership in 2011 in THE WHISKEY PAINTERS OF AMERICA--the most unique and exclusive miniature painting society in the world, in which membership is limited to 150 artists.

For nineteen years, Judy conducted THE SARATOGA COMMUNITY OF PAINTERS, a group limited to twenty fine watercolor artists who painted "en plein air"--outdoors, on location.

Steve Sens Bio

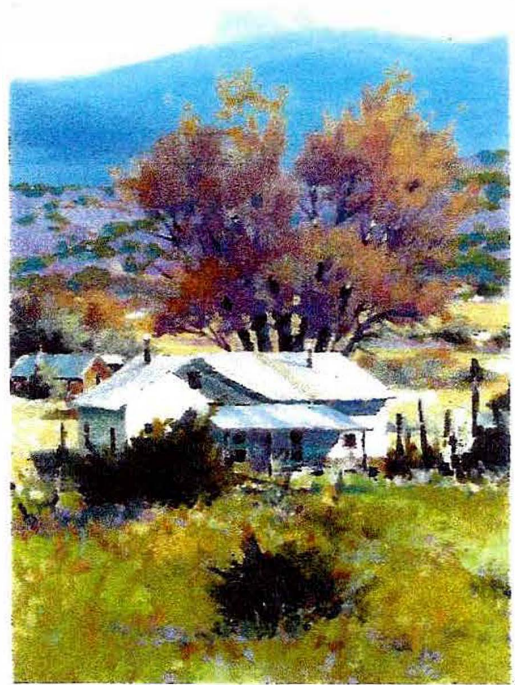
I obtained my Bachelors Degree in Fine Arts from The Cleveland Institute of Art in 1990, Majoring in Illustration with a Minor in Drawing. My main mediums are watercolor and metalpoint. Though many core concepts of creating art apply, they are polar opposites in execution.

Creating art for me isn't so much of an escape, but it is a way of understanding and integrating with the world around me. I would describe my artistic goal as giving a visual presence to the hidden and overlooked, a record of the feelings and senses engaged by the world we are immersed in. Sometimes controlled, sometimes with reckless abandon, would be how I convey my approach to my subjects. How does one capture a breeze passing through the woods, the sounds of crickets in a field or the chill of a winter evening?

I am consumed by the way watercolor comes alive on the sheet. The glow of fine pigments, how some disperse and others clump together. Each pigment has its own character, personality and temperament. No other painting medium allows one to explore the core essence of color like watercolor. This is the main reason I love to paint abstractly with watercolor. The way the colors are put down, combinations, composition, the story is presented symbolically through the quality's of the medium.

I've made a conscious decision to paint art that moves me, art that reflects a surrounding, an emotion, a song, a fear, a motivation. What they mean to me may not mean the same for another viewer, and that makes giving titles so difficult.

I live in North Royalton, Ohio with my wife Trish and our kitty Ba.



Cletus Smith

Cletus Smith's passion is the landscape. "Nature offers an unlimited choice of colors, shapes, textures and lighting," he says. "I need to feel something about the subject, a collection of darks and lights, or a special feeling of atmosphere...perhaps even a certain recollection of a time or a particular place." Smith feels equally comfortable working in watercolor or oil.

A professional artist and educator, Cletus has spent his life in the studio or the classroom surrounded by his paints, brushes, and interesting photos taken where the roads lead him in his travels. A native Oklahoman with an art degree from Oklahoma City University, Cletus taught painting at the University of Central Oklahoma for 18 years. He has also been a graphic designer, illustrator, and an industrial designer during his career. He continues to conduct lecture demonstrations and workshops throughout the southwest and has judged numerous art shows throughout the area.

"As a teacher and artist it is my pleasure to explore and express my artistic side with paper, canvas, brush and paint," Cletus says. "As an educator I enjoy sharing my knowledge with my students with the hope that they will appreciate their own talents and skills and that they will benefit from a life with art as much as I do."

Numerous awards and recognitions have been given to Cletus Smith for his paintings and his work as an instructor. He is represented by galleries in Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas. His work is included in the State of Oklahoma Art Collection.

DWANE TAYLOR

Artist

Watercolor



Dwane Taylor enjoys the challenge of blending his enthusiasm for outdoor scenery with the techniques of transparent watercolor. It is an ideal medium in which to capture intense light, atmospheric perspectives, and feelings of the outdoors.

Born and raised in Caddo County in Western Oklahoma, Dwane was always intrigued with art but had no opportunity to cultivate a real interest in the field.

Dwane enrolled at Southwestern State College in Weatherford, OK. It was there that he sought out the Art Department and began to investigate the possibility of a career in art. He graduated in 1967 with a B.A. in Education and was a high school art instructor for three years in Anadarko, OK., and two years in Nowata, OK. His dream was to become a full time artist but the fear of surviving an uncertain art market kept him in the classroom.

While teaching, he juried into several art shows. It wasn't until 1971 that he walked out of the classroom and opened his first art and custom framing gallery in Bartlesville, OK. He pursued a full-time art career with juried art shows and owned a number of galleries throughout the State of Oklahoma.

In 2007, he opened Moon River Studio Art Gallery & Custom Picture Framing in Yukon, OK. His original watercolors and limited edition prints can be viewed at the gallery and he continues to teach watercolor at this location.

Sonya Terpening

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Biographical information

She has been an invited artist to the "Prix de West" at the National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum for thirty-one years and she participated in the "Masters of the American West" at the Autry Museum for twelve years. In 2008 Sonya received the Autry Museum Award for Watercolor. Sonya was invited to the "2025 Woolaroc Exhibition and Sale" at the Woolaroc Museum. In 2025, she was awarded Signature Membership in the Whiskey Painters of America (WPA). Sonya was selected as NBC Oklahoma's "Oklahoma Artist" for 2017. She was selected to the California Art Club "Gold Medal Exhibition" five times from 2019 - 2024. Sonya received the "Distinguished Alumni" award from Oklahoma State University in 2021. In 2010 and 2013, she was the recipient of the Smelser-Vallion Visiting Artist award from the Oklahoma State University Doel Reed Center for the Arts. Articles about Sonya's art have been featured in "*Art of the West*", "*Western Art Collector*", "*Southwest Art*" and "*Persimmon Hill*" magazines.

Sonya Terpening's paintings are in the permanent collection of:
The National Cowboy and Western Heritage Museum, Oklahoma City, OK
The Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa, Oklahoma
Booth Western Art Museum, Cartersville, GA
State of Oklahoma - Capitol Building
Edmon Low Library, Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, OK
The Forbes Collection, New York, New York
National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame, Fort Worth, Texas
Museum of the American Railroad, Frisco, Texas
The Pearce Museum, Corsicana, Texas
NBC Oklahoma, Altus, OK
Riata Corporate Group, Dallas, Texas

Though Sonya Terpening lived many years in Oklahoma and graduated from Oklahoma State University, Grapevine, Texas has been her home for 36 years. She feels that living in Oklahoma and Texas is living with the fable of the west. Both states are so rich in history and legend that as an artist she cannot help but seek it out and try to share it with others.

Sonya studied with professional artists from the time she was in junior high school. Sonya received an art degree at OSU, but her advanced studies came from knowing and painting with some of the great American artists such as Bettina Steinke, Donald Teague and Lowell Ellsworth Smith.

Sonya Terpening's art is about sharing the great and fascinating world around her. "When something moves me, be it a story or a scene, I want to express it in color and light so that the viewer can share the feeling. There is nothing more beautiful than this great land and the people living in it. I am drawn not only to the American west as it exists today but also to its history. There is something about the past that we all share that makes us better for remembering it. I think art touches the soul and teaches in ways words cannot."

Elias I. Traboulsi, WPA

Pepper Pike, OH

Elias is an ophthalmologist. He was born in Beirut, Lebanon in 1957 and immigrated to the USA in 1985. He started to paint at the age of 44 on the encouragement of his wife Mayya. He studied initially under Al Krnc, WPA, OWS, AWS, and later under Tom Denny (his main teacher of Jazz paintings), David Rankin, OWS and Michael Prunty, AWS. Elias has entered paintings in numerous local juried shows and has won a number of awards. He was inducted into the Whiskey Painters of America on the nomination of Al Krnc in 2012. Elias paints a variety of subjects including landscapes, musicians, birds and still lifes. He prefers watercolors by far, but has dabbled in pastels, acrylics and an occasional oil painting. He paints fast - Life is too short!

Marilynne Wasielewski

Signature member of Whiskey Painters of America

Marilynne Wasielewski is an award-winning artist who is most inspired by the shapes, colors and textures of her natural surroundings and the play of light on all she sees. Her work is based in reality but painted in an expressionistic style. She is most interested in the creation process itself and works intuitively. This allows her to respond and make decisions about the direction of the work with freedom and spontaneity. She relocated to Tampa Bay, Florida from the New Jersey shore and holds a BS degree in Fine Art. She has also studied with many nationally respected artists including Pat Dews, Joan Fullerton, and Stephen Quiller. Marilynne serves on the Board of the Professional Association of Visual Artists and the Miniature Art Society of Florida. She is a member of Studio 1212 Art Gallery, Florida Watercolor Society, Dunedin Fine Art Center, Morean Art Center and the Beach Art Center.