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BOB WHITSITT
(Robert Craig Whitsitt)

Born in Red Wing, Minnesota, he started seriously painting twelve years ago when he retired. Drawing captured his interest from childhood and he was illustrating his father's speeches in high school.

He received his B.A. from Trinity College in Hartford, Connecticut. He has both an earned M.A. and Ed. D. from Columbia University and did other graduate work at Yale University Graduate School. In passing he was largely self-taught: this means a student of all excellent art books, observer of the best painting, and the daily practice of hard work.

Starting as a realist he considers himself a color abstractionist; in the real world color and values are most important to portray what he “sees”. Drawing is the number one initial skill, but thoughtful practice develops skill.

He has paintings in many private collections, exhibiting widely in New York and Connecticut. He is an artist member of Kent Art Association and has been active in The Dutchess County Art Association, Southern Vermont Art Association and other professional groups. He has had several one man shows in Connecticut and a Gallery Show in Providence, Rhode Island.

He is now represented primarily by the Heritage Gallery and paints for the joy of doing what he wants to do aesthetically.