

Demonstator March -2015



Art Smith

Art Smith taught on the high school level for 32 years at Moon Valley High School in Phoenix. Prior to that he worked for the Arizona Commission on the Arts as a Writer/Poet in their Artists in the School Program and as a public artist with the CETA Program. He is currently retired and working on his own art, as well as teaching art to veterans through a project with the Arizona Artists Guild.

He began to show his work again, after a hiatus while teaching. He recently received a Best of Show at the 2014 Arizona Artists Guild State Show. Locally, he has participated in the Sunnyslope Art Walk for the last seven years.

He has worked in a variety of media over the years, including graphite, colored pencil, acrylics, scratchboard, collage, mixed media, sculpture and ceramics. His current work involves the use of found photographs and acrylics. He works in the symbolist/surrealist genres. He works to infuse slightly unusual images into seemingly traditional landscapes. He has been experimenting with hide glue/animal glue as a painting medium.

He is a storyteller. He wants his paintings to set the stage for a story that will involve the viewer. He works to create paintings that someone will want to look at more than once. He will be doing a slide presentation and description of his work.