

FREDERICK C. GRAFF AWS-DF, NWS, TWSA-MS

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Frederick C. Graff is one of the foremost watercolorists of today. He is a signature member of all three major watercolor societies: American Watercolor Society “Dolphin Fellow”; National Watercolor Society; and Transparent Watercolor Society of America “Master Status”. His continuous growth and development in his pursuit of watercolor has enabled him to be a leading artist/educator in the field of watercolor painting.

Artist’s Statement:

“When an artist understands the basic principles and elements of design, the subject matter becomes unlimited. The selection of my subject matter is determined by my immediate response to the subject and its surrounding environment. It is essential that I go beyond the level of just recording facts. It is my intent to convey a spontaneous response in an unrestricted yet semi-controlled manner. This approach to watercolor painting lends itself to a unique and unpredictable experience. This state of uncertainty compels me to further explore the world of watercolor. It is always my intent to challenge and express myself in an honest and creative manner.”

Upon graduation from Miami University, Fred studied privately with the late Franklin A. Bates. He pursued additional graduate work at both Kent State University and the University of Akron. In addition to being a retired art teacher for the Berea City Schools, Fred has been conducting numerous watercolor workshops, demonstrations, and critiques throughout the United States and abroad for the last forty years. His work has been featured in *Watercolor Techniques For Releasing the Creative Spirit; Creative Watercolor Workshop, International Artist* (February/March 2002), *Watercolor Artist Magazine* (February 2014, June 2015) and many other publications.

His diverse approach to watercolor painting has continued to attract individual and corporate collectors, including: Bank One; Wausau Insurance; General Tire; Mobay Chemical; Dayton Citizens Federal; Cambridge Savings and Loan; Guernsey Savings and Loan; Akron Beacon Journal; Key Bank; Zanesville Art Center; Southwest General Hospital; Sargent-Laessig Museum of Fine Arts; and many other corporate and private collections.

EXHIBITIONS AND AWARDS

AMERICAN WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

- Achieved status of Dolphin Fellow
- Winsor & Newton Award
- Bud & Gretchen Marble Medal
- Millard Sheets Memorial Medal
- Emily Goldsmith Award

TRANSPARENT W/C SOC. OF AMERICA

- Achieved Master Status
- (2) Maurice Prendergast Awards
- (2) Merit Awards
- (2) Winsor & Newton Awards
- C. R. Williams Award
- Award of Excellence
- G. J. Slade Merit Award
- Du Page Art League Special Merit Award

ADIRONDACKS NATIONAL EXHIBITION OF AMERICAN WATERCOLORS

- Tina L. Wolfe Memorial Award
- Exhibition Award
- Realism in Nature Award
- Forest Runes Award in Memory of Scott Stuart

BUTLER MIDYEAR NATIONAL

SHENZHEN INTERNATIONAL W/C BIENNIAL

NATIONAL WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

- Combined Donors Award II
- Honorable Mention (China Exchange Exhibition)

OHIO WATERCOLOR SOCIETY

- (2) Gold Medals
- (3) Silver Medals
- (2) Bronze Medals
- (2) Larry Joyce Memorial Awards
- Win Dodrill Memorial Award
- Moon Mask Award
- Inveresk Paper Award
- North Coast Award
- The Artist’s Magazine Award
- Award of Distinction
- The Transparent Watercolor Society Award

SIGNATURE AMERICAN W/C EXHIBITION

- Tom & Sharon Koehler Landscape Award
- Cheap Joe’s Award

VIEWPOINT NATIONAL EXHIBITION

- John Crain, Best of Watercolor Award
- Ray Loos Watercolor Award
- Chairperson’s Award

ALLIED ARTISTS OF AMERICA EXHIBITION