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Arts - Painting and Photography

Mark grew up on the East Coast of the United States and migrated to Alaska permanently in 1977 after he completed his Master's Degree in Geophysics at Stanford. He spent 10 years doing field work as a geologist and geophysicist in remote Alaska and then 25 years as an Information Technology Manager for ConocoPhillips in Anchorage.

Mark has published over 300 photographs in magazines, calendars, and books and is a self taught professional watercolorist with over 35 years of experience. His favorite subjects are Alaskan landscapes and images captured from his travel and nature photography. He was a 2011 artist-in-residence for Rocky Mountain National Park, Colorado. Commissioned paintings are a large part of his body of work, having completed over 100 commissions in the past decade. He has been juried into approximately 35 watercolor exhibitions in the last five years.

Mark now paints full time in Anchorage and travels extensively, recently visiting countries such as Morocco, New Zealand, South Africa, Iceland, Greenland, Bhutan, Antarctica, and China. His outdoor activities include photography, hiking, kayaking, and cross-country skiing.

Recent Juried Show Awards

- 2018 Red River Watercolor Society's 25th Annual National Juried Watermedia Exhibition Merit Award
- 2018 The Artist's Magazine Annual Art Competition Honorable Mention, Landscape
- 2017 Rocky Mountain Watermedia Exhibition Honorable Mention
- 2017 Watercolor Art Society Houston 40th International Juried Exhibition Honorable Mention
- 2017 Watercolor Artist Magazine's "Watermedia Showcase" Honorable Mention
- Splash 18, 19 & 20
- 2016 Art for Alaska Parks Best in Show, Second Place, and Best Landscape
- 2016 AKWS 42nd Annual Juried Exhibition First Place
- 2016 Watercolor Art Society Houston 39th Annual International Juried Exhibition Second Place
- 1% For Art, Alaska State Council on the Arts for the Alaska Geologic Materials Center
- 2015 Watercolor West 47th Annual Exhibition III Combined Merchandise Award
- 2015 Watercolor Artist Magazine's "Watermedia Showcase" Honorable Mention
- 2015 Art for Alaska Parks "People In The Parks" Award
- 2014 Watercolor West 46th Annual Exhibition Henry and Fujiko Fukuhara Memorial Award
- 2014 AKWS 40th Annual Juried Exhibition Second Place
- 2013 Watercolor Artist Magazine's "Watermedia Showcase" Second Place
- 2013 AKWS 39th Annual Juried Exhibition Honorable Mention
- 2012 Watercolor West 44th Annual Juried Exhibition Signature Member Award
- 2012 Alaska Watercolor Society's 38th Annual Juried Exhibition Third Place
- 2012 Finalist, Landscape/Interiors Category; The Artist's Magazine 29th Annual Art Competition
- 2012 U.S. State Department 'Art Bank Program' purchase for permanent collection

Professional Membership

Mark is a Signature Member and Webmaster of the <u>Alaska Watercolor Society</u>. He is a Signature Member of Watercolor West, Northwest Watercolor Society, and Rocky Mountain Watermedia, He is a member of the Transparent Watercolor Society of America and the National Watercolor Society.

Websites

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