

Donald Darst

Donald was born in Kentucky growing up in Louisville and its rural suburbs. He now lives in Grey Forest, Texas with his wife, Linda, who is a potter and rug hooker, his Jack Russell, Buster and dachshund, Wrigley.

He served in the Air Force as a Russian interpreter with tours in Washington, D.C., Syracuse, N.Y., England and Alaska. His career after military service was in training and technology working in Kentucky, Illinois, Arizona, Nevada, and Texas. He has a BA in Behavioral Science and an MS in Adult Learning. He served two terms as Mayor of Grey Forest.

Donald liked to draw from an early age and found it to be a great way to express ideas to others. He used drawing when remodeling a house, playing with his children, and even doing highly technical presentations. Drawing eventually led to painting when his wife gave him an oil painting class with Kentucky artist, Angie Campbell.

He is particularly inspired by the work of Russell Chatham, George Inness, and the Hudson River School. He continues to study with artists he greatly admires such as Michael Albrechtson, Nancy Bush, Robert Johnson, and Michael Workman. His still lifes are reminiscent of an earlier era and his landscapes have a subtle tonalist quality evoking a mood that allows the viewer to contribute their own feelings to the work.

Donald and Linda enjoy traveling across the country with their 5th wheel trailer, their “studio on wheels”, to visit their children, grandchildren and friends. From the Southwest to the Northwoods of Wisconsin, the countryside of America serves as Donald’s inspiration.

Donald is a member of Oil Painters of America, Boerne Professional Artists, and Grey Forest Open Studios. He is represented by Carriage House Gallery in Boerne, Fredericksburg Art Gallery in Fredericksburg, and Old School House Gallery in Star Lake, Wisconsin.



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