



# **Biography**

Rick was born in 1955 in Edinburgh, Indiana, near the heart of Indiana's famed Artist Colony of the 19<sup>th</sup> & early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries. Art was a major part of Rick's life from very early on. As early as grade school, he would spend the bulk of his time tinkering with something artistic. "My parents did well to put food on the table, let alone supply me with art supplies. Mostly, I used whatever materials were handy around the house. My first painting was done on an old bed linen with model car paint."

Rick realized he was given a gift and began to develop his art by whatever means he could. During his High School years, his art instructors were very supportive and encouraged him to explore different media and to enter as many competitions as he could. Many of which he took first place or placed in the upper ranks.

As a professional artist, Rick has honed his skills through workshops and many years of practice and has developed into a very collectable artist. Some of Rick's influences include Robert Wood, John Singer Sargent, William Merritt Chase, Granville Redmond, George Arthur Hays, Thomas Cole and Frederick Church. Contemporary influences include C.W. Mundy, Todd Reifers, Scott Christensen, John C Trainor, and Brent Cotton among many others. He still enters his works in juried competitions and has won numerous awards including "Best of Show". Rick has worked with some of the country's finest interior designers which have exhibited his works extensively in Decorator Show Homes and Home-A-Ramas in the Indianapolis area. His works are in many private and corporate collections across the country. Included in his corporate collectors are...

Kawneer Co. Inc.(Alcoa)
Aisin Holdings Corporation of North America
Hendricks Regional Health
OneAmerica
Indiana Governor's Mansion
Dr. Charles B McDermott DOS, MS
Johnson County, Indiana Museum of History
Town of Edinburgh, Indiana
Edinburgh Public Library
Schwartz Funeral Home



## **Current Gallery Representation**

Rick D Wilson Fine Art Gallery – Edinburgh, Indiana Iris Garden Gallery – Nashville, Indiana Castle Gallery – Fort Wayne, Indiana Sigman's Gallery – Indianapolis, Indiana

### **Exhibitions**

Hoosier Salon Annual Exhibition – Indiana State Museum
Hoosier Salon Gallery – New Harmony, Indiana
Indiana Heritage Arts Annual Exhibition – Nashville, Indiana
Fort Wayne Museum of Fine Art
Johnson County Museum of History (Solo Exhibition) – Franklin, Indiana
Richmond Art Museum – Richmond, Indiana
Sigman's Gallery – (2-Man Exhibition) – Indianapolis, Indiana
Columbia Club Foundation – Indianapolis, Indiana
Morris-Butler House Museum – Indianapolis, Indiana
Castle Gallery Annual Exhibitions – Ft. Wayne, Indiana

### **Associations**

Oil Painters of America Indiana Plein Air Painters Association (Board of Directors) The Hoosier Salon Indiana Heritage Arts

#### **Artist's Statement**

For me, painting is a spiritual experience. We have truly been blessed with an unending array of nature's beauty. God has put all this beauty here for our enjoyment. The Creator has also gifted certain people with an ability of expressing what they see into an artistic experience. I have received this gift of artistic expression and have chosen oil and canvas as my voice. This is not a gift I take lightly. It is a responsibility and a great privilege to honor God by bringing His creation into focus through art.

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