

Jack Moss - Western Artist - Biography

The landscapes in the Texas Hill Country are dramatic rock bluffs, miles of land, blue green mountains, rivers, wild life, cowboys, ranches and open country which are enough to lure any artist out to capture it all in paintings. The Cowboy life has changed but, it is still alive and working in Texas.

Moss paints the scenes he's grown up with living all of his life in Texas. This is country he knows, loves. The faces, ranching tradition and wide-open spaces invade his imagination. Moss's career life has included football coach, high school Principal, athletic director, horse trainer, and many other interests. Combining the two talents, cowboy artist and coaching, created a unique situation within itself. Growing up he was always with a pencil in hand sketching the west. Without formal training he decided to acquire some watercolor supplies and a few "how to" books and set out teaching himself the difficult medium - the art of watercolor. His techniques aluminates with vivid color and the selling of his paintings started almost immediately. He has won several awards and art shows. Some of these include The San Antonio Art League Spring Show, J.R. Mooney Debut in San Antonio and the Humble Art League in Humble, Texas. Also, he has been featured in Southern Living Magazine, Texas Monthly Magazine, and The Hill Country Magazine.

Born in West Texas, the son of a preacher, his family moved quite often through West Texas. The enjoyment of the outdoors and his family always owning horses - working cattle with his dad created the love of the west for this western artist. His love for the Western way of life is evident in his watercolor paintings.

"Exposure to range cattle and the cowhand's way of life started for me in my early life. I've been recording their Activities on paper and canvas ever since. The Texas Hill Country and the Western mountains and plains produce backdrops for the cowboy's life. The experiences of riding and working alongside cowhands with my dad on ranches in Texas enabled me to gather reference materials in my mind, on paper with sketches and photos. This not only was the helpful beginning of my art experience but has been a great satisfaction in my life."

After many years of successful coaching and a public school career, Moss has now completed another lifelong dream of opening a gallery of western art, The Gridiron Gallery, in Llano, Texas. His ambition is to make the Gridiron Gallery one of the finest art galleries in Texas. He is now living the life of that great dream, an Artist of the West.