

About the Artist



Preston King

Professional Fine Art

Preston King, an award-winning artist, was born in Clinch County, Georgia, USA. He began studying painting at age 13, starting in pastels under the tutelage of Ruth Collins in Waycross GA. He received his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Valdosta State University and has continued his art education via various workshops, such as that of master pastelist, Wendy Caporale and Michael Chelsey Johnson. Later, he returned to school to earn his Bachelor of Science-Nursing degree, also from Valdosta State University. *"I am one of the most fortunate people I know. Being able to pursue both a career as a professional nurse and an artist, is a luxury not afforded all. The combination of both creates in me a sense of balance."*

Having recently retired from healthcare as a Administrative Compliance Officer, Preston now devotes full time to working exclusively in pastels and oils, with the majority of his efforts devoted to "en plein air" painting.

Artist Statement

My work is a constant search for the best way to interpret what my visual senses experience and express them in a way that is aesthetically pleasing to both the viewer and me. Through the years, I have come to understand that this is an ongoing dynamic process, with my artistic sensitivities continually morphing, with little cognitive effort. Each painting is an extension of my past and a glimpse into my future. If a viewer stops for just a moment to view and reflect on a work I have created, then I have succeeded.

Honors and Awards

- November 2023 - Named "Member of Excellence "of South-eastern Pastel Society
- November 2023 - 3rd Place - Providence Canyon Paint Out - Lumpkin, GA
- November 2023 - Southeastern Pastel Society Juried exhibition, "Luminosity"
- October 2023 - New Smyrna Beach Invitational Paint Out participant (Juried)
- August 2023 - Art of Georgia juried exhibit sponsored by the Georgia Council for the Arts
- June 2023 - One man show " Abandoned Georgia", Okefenokee Heritage Center, Waycross, GA,
- May 2023 - Art in the Mountains Plein Air event - Ellijay, GA - Best of Show



Honors and Awards (continued)



May 2023 - Art in the Mountains Plein Air event - Ellijay, GA -3rd place -Quick Draw, judge Karen Philpot
April 2023 - Open Air Meriwether juried plein air event and show
April 2023 - Southeast Pastel Society Annual Juried Members Show
November 2022 - Pastel Society of America - featured in member showcase
November 2022 - Southeastern Pastel Society Juried "Make Your Mark" International Exhibition
November 2022 -Paint it Orange Paint Out -Orange County, NC-Honorable Mention, Judge Jeramy Sams
November 2022 - Paint it Orange Paint Out - Orange County, NC - Jerry's Artarama Sponsor Award
October 2022 - Georgia National Fair - Fine Art Merit Award
October 2022-Blue Ridge Paint Out- Blue Ridge, GA - Honorable Mention (Quick Draw)
August 2022 - Clinch Memorial Hospital Foundation one-man show
May 2022 - Jackson Butts County Council for the Arts - Invitational Art in the Garden Tour
March 2022 - Savannah Art Association Paint Out - Savannah GA - Honorable Mention (Quick Draw) Judge Marc Hanson
March 2022 - Savannah Art Association Paint Out - Savannah GA - Honorable Mention (Gallery Show) Judge Marc Hanson
April 2019 - Valdosta Makers Mart Plein Air competition—1st
October 2017-Turner Center for the Arts Paint Out, Valdosta, GA - 1st place
October 2017-Cotton Pickin' Paint Out, Boston, GA - 2nd place (Quick Draw)
May 2017-Gateway Art Gallery Plein Air Event, Lake City, FL- Hon Mention
September 2016-Perry Plein Air Festival, Perry, GA - 2nd place
Oct 2016-3rd Annual Stone Mountain Paint Out, Stone Mtn, GA -Hon Mention
Sept 2015-Blue Ridge Mtn Arts Assn Paint Out, Blue Ridge, GA - Hon Mention
May 2015-Indian Springs Memorial Day Paint Out, Indian Springs, GA - 2nd place
March 2014 -Bar-B-Que and Blues Festival Paint Out,, Barnesville, GA - 2nd place
May 2013- Indian Springs Memorial Day Paint Out, Indian Springs, GA - 1st Place
October 2009- Jackson-Butts County Arts Council Butts Creates Art Show- Jackson, GA - Best In Show

Current Organization Affiliations

Southeast Pastel Society
Pastel Society of America

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