

Dan Beck

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Dan Beck is the Gold Medal recipient of the 2017 Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition. In 2016, he received three national awards: Oil Painters of America National Exhibition, American Impressionist Society National Exhibition and Oil Painters of America Eastern Regional Exhibition. He is also the Gold Medal winner of the 2011 Oil Painters of America National Exhibition. Other awards include eight awards of excellence with Oil Painters of America (four National and four Regional). He has also won two consecutive Raymar Art Competition Awards of Excellence, Award of Excellence with Salon International, a first place, a second place and ten finalists with Boldbrush Art competition. Dan has had feature articles in "American Art Collector", "Southwest Art", "American Artist", "Art of the West" "Artists on Art" "Cape Fear Living" magazines and "Art Talk". His paintings were selected for the covers of November 2008 "Southwest Art" and September 2011 "Art of the West". Dan has been invited to many nationally prominent shows such as "American Art Invitational", "American Art in Miniature" and "Great American Figurative Show". He has also exhibited his works in many successful solo and group shows in galleries across the country. His paintings have found collectors in both the private and corporate world on a national level as well as from such diverse places as Canada, Japan and the Middle East. His work is in the permanent collection of the Littleton Historical Museum and he has exhibited with the Phippen Museum, Prescott, Arizona.

Membership: Oil Painters of America (OPA) signature member
American Impressionist Society (AIS) signature member
Plein Air Painters of the Southeast

Awards & Invitationals:

- **OPA Eastern Regional Exhibition 2017, Gold Medal** – Juried by Howard Friedland
- American Impressionist Society 2016 National Exhibition, Award of Merit
- OPA Eastern Regional Exhibition 2016, Award of Excellence
- OPA National Exhibition 2016, Best Signature Award of Merit
- **OPA National Exhibition 2011, Gold Medal** – Juried by Scott Christensen
- American Impressionist Society Annual Exhibition 2009, Award of Merit
- Boldbrush Competition:
 - Finalist, January 2013
 - Best of Show, February 2012
 - Finalist, January 2012
 - Finalist, May 2011
 - Finalist, April 2011
 - Finalist-Outstanding Abstract, April 2010
 - Finalist, February 2010
 - Finalist, January 2010
 - Finalist, November 2009
 - 2nd Place, June 2009
- Raymar Art Competition 2007-2008 & 2008-2009, Finalist/Award of Excellence
- OPA Regional Show 2009, Silver Medal – Juried by Jeffrey Watts
- OPA National Exhibition 2009, Award of Excellence – Juried by Kevin Mcpherson
- OPA National Exhibition 2008, Award of Excellence – Juried by Ramon Kelley

- OPA Regional Show 2008, Award of Excellence
- OPA National Exhibition 2007, Award of Excellence – Juried by Quang Ho
- OPA Regional Show 2007, Award of Excellence – Juried by Jeff Legg
- American Art Invitational, Saks Galleries, Denver, Colorado 2012
- American Art in Miniature 2008 & 2009, Gilcrease Museum, Tulsa Oklahoma
- Settlers West Miniature Show (Invitational) 2007-2012
- Salon International 2007 & 2008, Greenhouse Gallery. Award of Excellence, 2008
- Great American Figurative Show, Invitational, 2007-2012, Waterhouse Gallery, Santa Barbara, California
- Fall Classic Invitational 2001-2012, Hamilton, Montana

Publications:

Cape Fear Living Magazine January 2017. “Dan Beck, Iconic Abstract Impressionist”

Cape Fear Living Magazine July 2014. “An Interview”

Wrightsville Beach Magazine April 2014. “Light Beckons”

American Art Collector, October 2013. “Out of the Ordinary”

Artists on Art, Spring 2013. “Staying Open” by Dan Beck

Art of the West, November 2011. “Keeping the Adventure Alive” by Vicki Stavig

American Artist, October 2009. “Intuitive Painting” by Steve Doherty

American Art Collector, September 2009. “Quiet Dignity”

Southwest Art, November 2008. “A Painter’s Playlist” by Rose Frederick

Latitude, Fall 2007. “On the Canvas” by Michelle Corriel

Southwest Art, October 2006. “Collector’s Choice” by Guzzie Fauntleroy

Southwest Art, November 2003. “Art Events-Colorado” by Bonnie Gangelhoff

Southwest Art, February 2003. “Art Events-Colorado” by Southwest Art editors

Southwest Art, June 1999. “Best of the West” by Leslie Busler and Bonnie Gangelhoff

Art of the West, February 1999. “The Mission Continues” by Vicki Stavig

About the Artist:

Wanderlust was Dan's primary motivation in the decade following his graduation from high school. Dan took to the road, working jobs that included ranch hand in Arizona, construction on the beach of Florida, refinishing furniture in Louisiana and four years in the infantry, including a two year tour in Germany. Wherever he went, Dan filled sketch books and journals for his own enjoyment. Then in Colorado after a couple of years in college, he realized the thing that meant most to him was his sketch books. So, he quit his job and college, sold everything he had and decided that commitment to one path was where all the previous had led him. Dan has studied at the Art Student League of Denver, with numerous contemporary painters and has continuously studied the impressionist masters.

Equally adept at figurative, still-life and landscape, Dan is an experimenter by nature, as well as being firmly rooted in the tradition of Impressionism. His love of nature and a deep respect for the tradition of art serve as both guide and inspiration to his goal of "making a contribution" to the world of painting. Dan's paintings evoke a timelessness and dignity that are the underlying themes in whatever he paints. *"Painting is a balancing act between opposite ideas - direct observation and instinct, control and spontaneity, even between the literal and the symbolic. It seems to me that although a painter is deeply involved with his own private investigation, his real aim is to communicate something to the viewer that resonates on a uniquely personal level."*

Dan now lives in Wilmington, North Carolina with his wife and two daughters.