







The Artists' Legacy Project

As a community service, EagleDigital has recorded numerous artists speaking about their work and artistic life.

Here is what Rick Skillman says about this project:

'The Artists' Legacy Project was birthed several years ago in a conversation with an artist friend of mine. As an accomplished painter, author, printmaker, watercolorist, poet . . . well, the list goes on – this woman had always held me fascinated with her stories. She was getting on in her 80s then, and I thought to myself, "Her art (paintings, illustrations, books, poems etc.) will survive her, but who will know her REAL story when she's gone?" I knew then that I had the talent, skills and interest to be the one to capture that story, to preserve it for her family, and, more importantly, for her community – for our teachers, kids, other artists, community leaders – for all who could learn so much from her rich life experience and bold artistic exploration.

The Artists' Legacy Project captures the story of this artist and others in documentary form. The format includes an interview, a visual overview of the artist's work, commentary about the work by the artist, and, because I film in the artist's home and studio, a real sense of what it is like to be who they are. I encourage storytelling about what inspires and challenges them; there is laughter, surprises and insights that get shared.

The final outcome is a recorded and edited conversation/presentation in DVD format of each artist's work/life story: how they got started, their hopes and dreams for their work, what obstacles they encountered and how they overcame them. While these recordings serve the artist, their purpose is to serve history, leaving a legacy for the future."

Some we have filmed:

Painter in oils: Carol Schwennesen

Painter in watercolors: Geri Peterson

Author and watercolorist: Marge Watkins

Photographer: Ray Pfortner

Concert pianist: Lyn Hoover

Contact us for a complete list of legacy artists, for information on how to obtain these videos for your school, library, or personal collection, or if you would like to be a participating artist.

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