

Peter N. Wax

Of People and Places

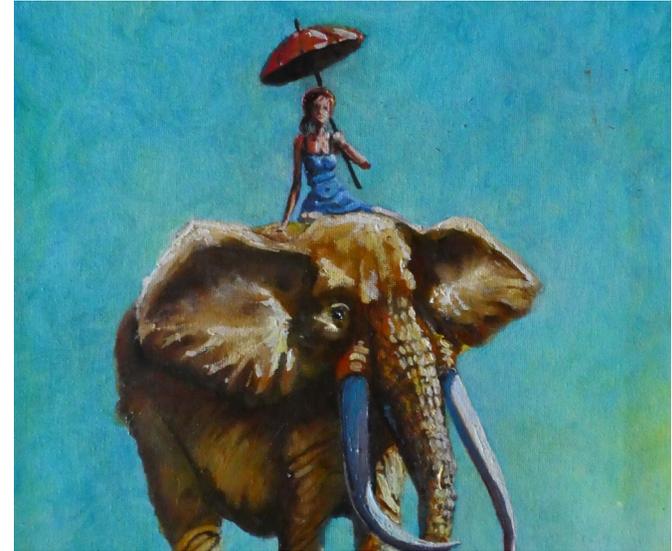


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As a kid I enjoyed drawing. Mom with six kids thought this was great. With a pencil and some scrap paper she could keep her fourth child and third son occupied on cold or rainy days. My first experience with oil painting was in 7th grade when Sister Gertrude set me down with oil paints and said: “Put God’s gift to work”.

Years later I found out God’s gift of oil paints and canvas was purchased by Mom. Where on a teacher’s salary and six kids Mom found the money is a mystery.

Academics was not my strong suite. One day Sister Gertrude found out I was getting an F in Sister Rita’s 7th grade English class. She grabbed hold of my ear and dragged me down the hall to Sister Reinhildis’ 9th grade English class and said I had to attend it instead of art until I got a passing in English. Never mind it was 9th grade English. Well, either Sister Reinhildis or Sister Rita took pity on me, and I got back into art class.

In the summer Sister Gertrude passed away. Her replacement was Miss Engle. Miss Engle was beautiful, a fantastic artist in her own right, and a dedicated teacher who taught me the foundations of art, including oil painting in my senior year. After high school I went to college to become a scientist and would not touch oil paints for 35 years.

Married, children, and house poor, my wife found an old canvas, dug out the paints purchased by Mom 41 years earlier and told me to quit bothering everyone and paint. So, after thirty-five years I once again painted. My wish is that the few paintings in the “Members Gallery” bring a little enjoyment to you. They are an expression of a gift nearly wasted, the result of those art teachers in high school who thought I was worth spending a little extra time on, and a tribute to Mom who thought all her kids were gifted - even the third son.

Exhibited Artworks

General Grierson	\$600.00
Tucumsah Sherman	\$600.00
U. S. Grant	\$650.00
President Roosevelt	\$750.00
Rough Rider	\$750.00
Medora de Vallombrosa	\$450.00
Philip Sheridan	\$500.00
Libbie Custer	\$600.00
Magpie Coulee	\$400.00
Backing Black Crude	\$400.00
Midnight at the Oasis	\$400.00
Mistahimaska—Big Bear	\$210.00
Old Man	\$150.00
Elephants	\$150.00
Old Lignite Church	\$150.00
Mountain Sun	\$210.00
Windy Sunday	\$150.00
Reflections	\$200.00
Into the Fire	\$150.00
Gospel in the Air	\$100.00
Everyone Needs an Elephant	\$150.00
Moon Walk	\$300.00
Moon Dance	\$300.00
Out Front	\$450.00
Thelen in Red	\$300.00
Morning	\$150.00