



## **AGAWAM COMMUNITY ARTISTS and ARTISANS**

### **Artist Spotlight**



### **ACA&A SPOTLIGHT for November – *RICHARD NOWAK***

In our SPOTLIGHT this month is artist, Richard Nowak. Richard is a New England artist based in Westfield, Mass. who uses oils, acrylics and watercolors to create his visions of New England -- landscapes, harbor scenes, gardens and still lifes. He works in an “impasto impressionist” style, utilizing a combination of brush work and painting knives. He is known for his textured application of paint and high-keyed colors and is heavily influenced by the Pennsylvania or New Hope Impressionists School, as well as the classic French Impressionists.

Richard is known for his textured application of paint and high-keyed colors. Working on location in what is known as the “plein air painting” style, as well as from his own photographs, he handles the oil paint loosely with brush and painting knives, allowing the actual texture of the paint and brush strokes to convey the feeling of delight and joy that the act of painting inspires in him. His landscape or floral paintings are intended to emotionally lift the observer, and seek to create a source of delight as food for the soul. Local flower gardens in places such as Stanley Park, Amelia Park and Grandmother’s Garden in Westfield are a constant source of inspiration for this New England impressionist.

## **Background -**

Richard's artistic background includes a certificate from Art Instruction Schools as well as private instruction from Ed Mead, a long time award winning oil painter, and Gwen McGregor Scherr, a former art professor at STCC.

He has attended numerous artist workshops with various new England instructors over the years, including the well-known instructor/ artist T.M. Nicholas of Rockport, MA.

Richard has been featured in area galleries and public venues for the past twenty years, and is currently a member of the Oil Painters of America, the American Impressionist Society, Agawam Community Artists and Artisans, and the Tobacco Valley Artist Association. He is a past member of the Holyoke Art League, as well as the Springfield and Deerfield Art Leagues.

He currently teaches acrylic painting at the Creative Arts Center in Westfield, Mass., and has also taught acrylic painting at three local *Michaels* stores for four years. He is represented by H. P. Miller Framing in West Springfield, Mass., and the Rinnova Gallery at the Creative Arts Center in Westfield, Massachusetts.

## **Contact -**

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