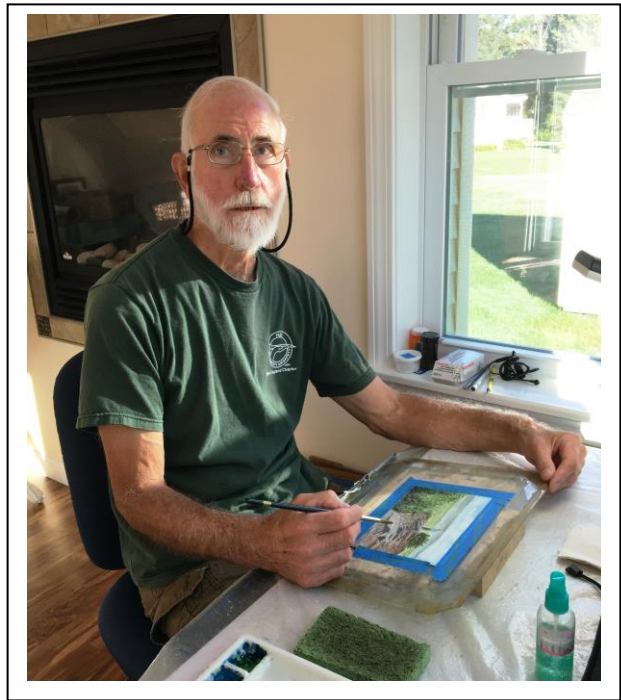




**Agawam Community Artists & Artisans**  
*present*  
**“Spotlight on Art” for September,**  
**Arnold Paye**



Each month the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans Spotlights one of its members. This month the Spotlight on Art looks at artist, **Arnold Paye**.

Arnold (known to his friends as “Arnie”) retired from a lifelong career in aviation in 2010, after 20 years as a maintenance technician, followed by 24 years in the Federal Aviation Administration as an aviation safety inspector. He has been a member of the ACA&A for more than two years.

Arnie began working with watercolors about 5 years ago, and has been learning and painting in watercolor ever since. He started learning watercolor painting from his neighbor, Mary Landry, and soon thereafter began taking lessons with Cathy Guidetti at Westfield On Weekends, and then with Marie Flahive at her studio in Westfield. He has attended workshops with Robert O’Brian, Steve Hamlin, Walter Cudnohufsky, and Lynn Pratt. Recently, he attended virtual (Zoom) workshops with Rick Surowicz, which he described in the Show & Tell portion of an ACAA meeting earlier this year.

He says, “Watercolor is a most humbling medium. As soon as I think I am beginning to understand it, and have painted a successful picture, the next project seems to me like a complete failure. That’s very humbling to me. I have enjoyed painting landscapes and floral still-lives, and would like to paint other subjects in the future. I enjoy learning, and expect that to be a lifetime passion.”

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