



Meet the Artist: ANGELO FERRARO

I have always been interested in art from very early in my life. As a child, I would draw battle ships and animals and color them in with pencils. I was always fascinated by how I could form shapes using shading and color. I would try to illustrate something I saw in nature or on T.V. In High School I was awarded *Best Art Student* for my drawings of animals and people.

After graduating from art school in Westport, Ct. in 1961, where my principal study was in illustration and animation, I worked as an artist illustrator for Eastern Etching in Chicopee, Ma for three years. However, I left the art field professionally for monetary reasons. I retired from Hasbro Games in 2007 as Vice President of reliability engineering, but I continued to paint as a hobby.

My choice of medium has always been oil-based paint, but due to a recently developed allergy to solvents, I have recently switched to water-based paints. They are adequate, but seem to lack the same opacity, intensity and vibrance of oils, by comparison.

I have won a number of awards for my work, including “Best in Show” at the West Springfield Art and Craft show, “Best Oil Painting” in an art show in Suffield, Ct., and my work has been featured at the West Springfield Public Library.

I am a member of the Agawam Community Artists and Artisans. I currently live in West Springfield and can be contacted by email at: gijoe123@msn.com, or (413) 530-2000.



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