

Stuart Beaty

Son of a commercial artist and distinguished watercolour painter, Stuart was born in England and acquired the fundamentals of drawing and painting in the family home.

After graduating from Oxford University, where he holds a Master of Arts degrees in English, he travelled and taught in schools, colleges and universities and colleges around the world. While living and working in Switzerland, Japan, Brazil, Uganda and Britain, he continued to study and paint in watercolour.

In 1967 he came to Canada. For the next twenty-five years he worked for the Federal Government in various capacities, retiring as Director General of Policy and Communications with the Canadian Human Rights Commission in 1992.

Although not formally trained in art, Stuart has attended numerous workshops by noted American and Canadian artists such as Tony van Hasselt, Judi Wagner, Brian Atyeo and Ray Loos. He has now been exhibiting and selling his distinctive watercolours for over thirty years and gives classes and workshops in that medium at the Nepean Visual Arts Centre and other venues throughout Eastern Ontario.

Stuart has been a contributing member of Art Lending of Ottawa for about fifteen years and is a Fellow and the most recent past president of the Ottawa Watercolour Society (OWS). Several of his paintings have received Jurors' Awards from the OWS in recent years. He has also shown at La Galerie Fredric Palardy in Montreal, The Design Store and Arteca Gallery in Ottawa, as well as various galleries and public spaces in Merrickville, where he now has his studio. His work can also be found in a number of public and private collections.

While primarily a figurative painter, this artist normally uses his subject matter - landscape, figures, interiors or still life - only as a point of departure for free, colourful and highly personal visions of the surrounding world. Whenever possible, Stuart takes advantage of his retirement to travel to both familiar and unfamiliar settings in Europe, America and elsewhere, where he can paint, sketch and recharge his batteries with fresh images and ideas.

Member of Art Lending of Ottawa since 1987

Medium - Watercolour