

Downe Burns

The paintings of Texas native Downe Burns reflect not only his immense talent, but his passion for paintings. “I love to paint, I love mixing the colors and seeing the end result on the canvas or paper”. He says, “I like signing my name to a painting and being happy with the way I have interpreted the world around me”.

Largely a self taught artist, Burns studied business and art history at Texas Tech University for a brief time before leaving to paint on a regular basis.

Inspired by his physical surroundings Burns’ moved to Santa Fe in the early 80’s to live and paint. At the time he chose the landscape and often adding an element that was somehow out of character, the saguaro cacti, made his mold of unusual composition and use of color unforgettable. His desire to create paints that are moving and pleasant to view keep him away from the darker moods of the environment. He wants imagery to strike a positive feeling in the eye of the viewer. He says, “We will each have our own different emotional response to a work of art, I just hope I can make a happy one”.

His paintings have progressed into several new series over the past year, Floral. Landscape and Abstract. His list of credits is extensive. A painting series, A view to a Villa, created in 1985 captured the attention of viewers in galleries across the nation and thus began his career. At the age of 24, he had already been subject of profiles on television, radio, newspaper and magazine. His paintings were chosen for numerous private and museum collections. He was also chosen for many national promotions with companies such as Kahlua, Marlboro, Sonoma Valley Vineyards, Vitality Magazine and Anderson Valley Vineyards. In 1996 he was chosen as the official artist for the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta. He created the first ever sell out image. In 1997 he created the image for the Atlanta ESPN 10K Run. You may also see his work on television shows such as Beverly Hills 90210, Melrose Place, Suddenly Susan and Promised Land. Also, in 1998 he was asked to create another image for the Kodak International Balloon Fiesta. He is also currently working on an image for Wines of America to be distributed in Switzerland.

Currently Downe resides in Lubbock, Texas with his wife and three children. Spending many hours in the studio, Downe has been creating a new series of paintings over the past few years titled, “Old Way’s” and “Live to Be Still”.