



SAM GIDDERS

Sam is a native of rural northwest Oklahoma and still makes his home there. Many of his paintings reflect his country roots, but he has also been greatly influenced by his travels throughout the USA and Europe. While serving in the U.S. Army in the late 1960's, Sam resided in what was then "West" Germany where he took advantage of every opportunity to visit many parts of Western Europe, sketching and painting the people and landscapes. Many of his recent works have been influenced by a return visit to Germany a few years ago.

Following completion of his military service, Sam studied art at Southwestern Oklahoma State University. He selected three-dimensional art as his area of emphasis, working in sculpture, modeling, ceramics and jewelry design. However, he also studied drawing, painting and printmaking and has come to prefer working two-dimensionally, choosing the use of Pen and Ink for his drawings and Watercolor as his preferred painting medium.

For several years following college graduation, Sam and his wife Emma owned and operated a small art gallery in Oklahoma City. He also exhibited his work in other area galleries and participated in numerous shows throughout the Southwest.

In 1978 Sam assumed the management responsibilities of a "non-art related" family business in the small town of Shattuck Oklahoma and stopped doing artwork professionally at that time. However, he continued to paint and draw for his own enjoyment.

In 1994, at the encouragement of his 3 children, Sam began to devote more time to art. One of his many hobbies was collecting kaleidoscopes and he decided to add the making of them to his artistic endeavors. Since that time he has constructed hundreds of them in many different styles and types using a variety of materials.

In 2002 Sam returned to the field of art as his primary occupation, retiring in 2015. He no longer makes kaleidoscopes, but instead, dedicates most of his time to painting. His work can be found in galleries, museums and shops in Oklahoma, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas.

Description of his artwork

The subjects and styles of my work can best be described as "Eclectic". I enjoy so many different approaches to art that, even after 50 years of painting, I sometimes still feel that I have yet to find my direction. My three adult children, who are all fans of different styles of my work, tease me about having multiple personalities when it comes to my art. I categorize my two-dimensional work into three basic groups:

- 1. People, Places & Things**
- 2. Non-Objective**
- 3. Esoteric Flummery**

Samples of each group can be found on the other side of this brochure.

Artist's Statement

The purpose of my art is not to make a point or convey a message of any kind. Instead, my artwork is purely for the enjoyment of the viewer. If I can produce a finished product that will provoke enough thought or peak enough interest to achieve and hold the viewer's attention for more than just a passing glance, I consider it a success.

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“People, Places and Things”



This group contains my more traditional renderings including landscapes, flowers, character studies, old machinery and other items from “everyday-life”.

“Non-objective”

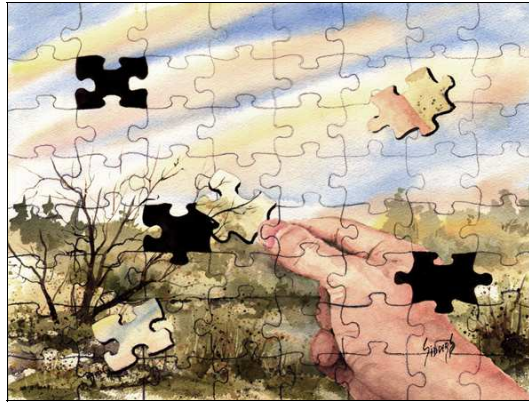
Pieces in this group begin with no subject matter. I attempt to work with



only shapes and color to produce a pleasing composition. This “non-objective” group is the most difficult yet most rewarding style in which I work.

“Esoteric Flummery”

This is the “whimsical” side of my art! In this category you will find subjects that



range from fantasy studies of nonexistent times or places to surrealistic objects or situations that can only be found in my mind.

This style is more evident in my drawings, but occasionally shows up in my paintings as well.

Sam’s work can also be viewed on the internet at the following web location:

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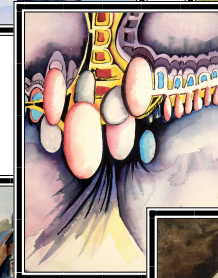
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**An Introduction to
The Two Dimensional
Art of Sam Sidders**



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