

Mickey McMasters

Drawing / Painting and Sculpture

“I’ve always thought of myself as a graphics person. Drawing and design have been a constant force in my life. It all began at Ohio University and the Ivy School of the Arts in Pittsburg, PA. This was my first glimpse of the Art World.”

“Throughout my working life I’ve worn many coats. A printer, photographer, draftsman, newspaper shop foreman, and a graphic artist for Parker Pen Company. Since 1977 I have been self-employed as a woodworker, sculptor, sign carver, furniture maker, and graphic designer. In 1992 I started working with the North Carolina visiting artist program and in 1999 my name was added to the South Carolina artist roster. This experience has allowed me to share my love of the Arts and has opened many fascinating doors in which to work. I’ve done several workshops at Broughton State Mental Hospital and School for the Deaf in Morganton, North Carolina. Also, classes with Special-Ed and Autistic youths and adults. Since 1995, I’ve done a summer arts and craft program at Carolina Day School in Asheville, North Carolina.”

Working with students in all grade levels, Mickey utilizes techniques in Seeing Drawing/Right Brain Drawing and Japanese Sumi-e painting (Nature Painting). These promote understanding of composition, balance, positive/negative space, etc. Through the use of several creative visualization techniques, Mickey hopes to help students to see art from a different point of view from the inside out.

Over the years a new program has evolved called “art as therapy” depicting art as a therapeutic tool. Mickey offers a collection of drawings and paintings done by patients and students average and exceptional. The program helps to develop a better understanding of where art comes from and what part it plays in our lives.

Mickey is available for community activities, offering workshops in Drawing and Painting, Wall Murals, Copper Sculptures, Plaster and concrete castings, Kinetic Art, and Bonsai Trees (mobiles and wire sculptures in the style of Alexander Calder).



- ◆ Mickey McMasters
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- ◆ Grade levels: K-12
- ◆ Materials/Cost: Depends on Workshop topic
- ◆ Available for Residency less than 5 days
- ◆ Available for community workshops.