

Allen Holloway

Allen has had a love of painting since he was a young child, and it almost seemed like a natural ability. It started with his parents putting all his creations on the fridge and believing in him enough to get him some lessons locally. Their encouragement was always a blessing and he also came to realize his talent was definitely God-given and he very much appreciated it. He attended Blackhawk College receiving an Associate's Degree and also studied the Arts during that period. He found, though, that he learned the most by watching the artists he admired and reading a lot of art technique books; that and just lots of practice. His interest has always gravitated to the natural world, as so many of his creations have been wildlife oriented. He has a love for all animals and of late has created many portraits of people's pets. He has been nicknamed Rover Rembrandt and Poocher Perfect by some reporters in articles on him in various newspapers, magazines as well as WQPT, Paula Sands and Animal Orbit. He knows he has done the pet justice when their owners cry! He has garnered several awards locally over the years, but now has sort of semi-retired himself, so he may not be seeking out shows and competitions but will still do commissions as they come along. He loves sharing his talents through teaching. He grew up in Rock Island, IL and now resides in Bettendorf, IA with his wife, Kathy (he would be the first to say is also his best friend and right hand "man"). He has two children, Jennifer and Misty and 3 grandchildren, Payton, Emma and Quinton (all grown now and living in Moline, IL).