

Ron Cook

Artist Media: Acrylic/canvas



Artist Statement:

Williamston resident Ron Cook finds much of the inspiration for his work in the wild lands of the state as they change with the seasons. He has always enjoyed the stark contrast in winter landscapes and the vivid color of new growth in the spring. He continues to be fascinated by the ability of basic shape, line, and color to evoke powerful emotions in the viewer.

He credits his country schoolteacher and mother, Bernice Cook, for developing his interest in the arts at an early age. Adventures with his father and friends in Upper Michigan and Canada developed his love of wilderness and water as they changed with the seasons. Travel and exposure to native arts from other cultures is another interest.

Studies at MSU and LCC developed his interest in the simplified forms and bold colors of the Expressionist and Fauvist painters as well as the mid-century New York school. He enjoys the impact of primary colors and is drawn to experimentation with a variety of styles. A list of favorite artists includes Andre Derain, Henri Matisse, John Marin, Robert Motherwell, Helen Frankenthaler, Franz Kline, and Ellsworth Kelly.

The work of local artists James Adley, Clif McChesney, Jens Plum, and Irv Taran is much admired and continues to be an inspiration.

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