



## Meet The Artist-

### Thomas Buchs- Oil Painting

I attended Layton School of Art and became an Illustrator, creating artwork for many national and local companies during the last 42 years. During summers, I exhibited at art fairs and also did Pastel Portraits. Recently I have been doing Plein Air Painting (painting from life outdoors). Much of my current

work is representative of this discipline. I try to capture the light and atmosphere of a scene within a few hours. I believe that a painting is not just a two-dimensional illusion, but also that of a moment in life, captured by an artist on canvas. I have found that while doing a painting outdoors I am immersed in the moment, what I mean is that later when I look at the painting I can remember all the things that went on as I painted, the weather, the birds singing, a small animal moving through the scene, people who have stopped to talk to me. The memories are all part of the painting. I am a founding member of Wisconsin Plein Air Painters Association. The WIPAPA has been established as a statewide fellowship of artists dedicated to promoting and practicing the traditional discipline of Plein Air painting. Members seek to honestly interpret the natural and man-made beauty and diversity of Wisconsin's landscapes and culture. We will strive to enhance member's skills and reputations by providing regular opportunities to paint outdoors together, and to critique our work and share our expertise with fellow artists in order to maintain the highest standards of the Plein Air tradition of painting.

*Thomas has earned over 50 awards while participating in Plein Air Painting events, Juried Art Exhibitions, and Art Exhibitions. His awards include numerous 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> place awards, as well as several People's Choice, Honorable Mention and Merit awards.*

*Learn more about Tom, his artwork, and awards at his website <http://thomasbuchs.com>*



