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Arts Alliance Opens Two New Solo Artist Shows

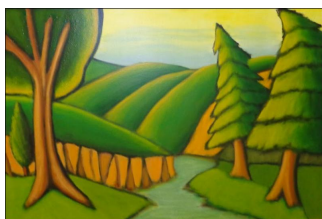
Exhibits Run through January 2017

Ernest Sinnes
Charles County Government
Commissioners Gallery



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Ernie's works show inspiration from his personal travels from the Andes of South America and ruins of Mexico to the city streets of Rome and Florence Italy. His



Greengold

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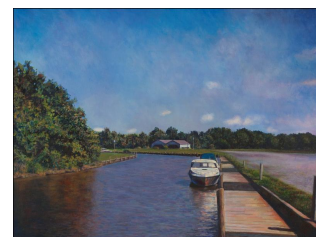
David Zippi
University of Maryland Charles Regional
Medical Center Gallery



A Western Pennsylvania native, David Zippi has had a strong interest in art since he was a young child. After further developing his skills in high school, he decided to study art in college. In 1975, he received a B.S. Degree in Art Education from Edinboro State College in Edinboro, PA.

In 1977, he began his 34 year career as a high school art teacher at his Alma Mater.

Due to the economic turmoil in the Pittsburgh area at that time, in 1978 he moved to Charles County, MD where he taught art at McDonough High School for 33 years. David was also the painting instructor and Department Chair for over



Port Tobacco Marina

skilled painter does not just look abroad however, as he has also painted scenes of small town and rural America in its truest form.



Snow Mill

Having lived in the D.C area for over 50 years, Ernie has been an ever current presence in the art world of both Northern Virginia and Southern

Maryland. His works have hung in galleries, special exhibits and local businesses and adorn the walls select of homes throughout the United States.

Working in oils and acrylics, one critic described "Ernest's art looks how a place feels, it transports you to a sensory experience, that is, standing in front of a mountain range, or feeling the sun on a hot Cuzco street."

Ernie's outlook is "People have been painting and decorating their

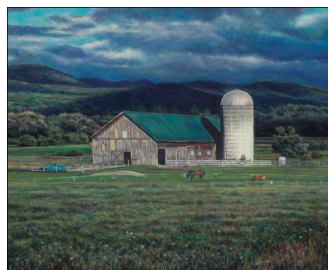


South of Bogota

surroundings (and perhaps themselves) for at least forty thousand years. This must speak to an aspect of the human psyche which seems an attempt to alter our environment beyond the utilitarian in manners which please, excite or inform us. My connection to this urge is feeling impelled to paint, which allows me to meld memories, sensations and ideas into a material, colorful form. Although the execution of a work is largely a disciplined, intellectual effort, I feel the basic impulse more akin to visceral rather than conceptual."

Ernie's art can be viewed online by selecting the [Commissioners Gallery](http://www.charlescountyarts.org) in the Gallery tab at www.charlescountyarts.org. He can be reached at erniesinnes@comcast.net.

two decades there. He retired in 2010 and is now able to paint on a regular basis.



Green Barn North of Burlington, VT

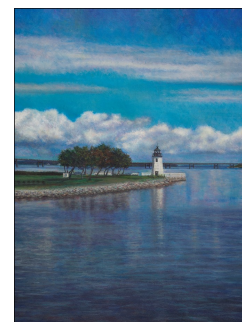
In 1993, David was recognized by the Charles County Board of Education for "Exemplary Service," and in 1997, he was

recognized by the Maryland Art Education Association for "Outstanding Service" in the field of Art Education. He also holds a Masters Degree in Education from George Washington University, Washington, D.C.

David has taken painting courses regularly at "The Art League" in Alexandria, Virginia, since 1990. He is currently an exhibiting artist at "North End Gallery" in Leonardtown, MD, and at Mattawoman Creek Art Center in Charles County, MD. His work can also be seen at various juried art shows in Maryland.

David considers himself a "colorist" and in the past 30 years has omitted black from his color palette; as far as style goes, he is a "contemporary realist."

An acrylic painter, the vast majority of David's works are landscapes because of his love of the tranquil effect that a beautiful or captivating outdoor scene often has upon us. His paintings are meant to entice the viewer to gaze, meditate and escape their everyday concerns. His goal when painting a landscape is to produce "a world where the sun is always out."



A Nice Day in Newport, RI

David's art can be viewed online by selecting the [Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery](http://www.charlescountyarts.org) in the Gallery tab at www.charlescountyarts.org. He can be reached at dhzippi@verizon.net.

The University of Maryland Charles Regional Medical Center Gallery is located

The Charles County Government Commissioners Gallery is located at 200 Baltimore Street, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are weekdays, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm.



Before Inca Pachacuti

at 5 Garrett Avenue, La Plata, MD. Gallery hours are 8:00 am to 8:00 pm, daily.



*Barn Scene Near
Newport Inn, MD*

The mission of the Charles County Arts Alliance is to stimulate, promote, encourage and provide recognition of the arts and the creative spirit in Charles County. For more information, contact the Arts Alliance at 301-392-5900, info@charlescountyarts.org, or www.charlescountyarts.org.