

February 1 through April 19, 2015

From Prairie to Peaks

oil paintings by
David Vollbracht,
guest artist from Medicine
Lodge, Kansas.



Chasing the Light, oil on canvas,
24 x 30 inches.

Statement

"This exhibition depicts my realistic impressions of the many varied landscapes of the Kansas prairie and the Rocky Mountains.

I would like the viewers of my paintings to feel my response to nature. Thus, I orchestrate the oil paintings rather than depict a literal view of my subject in the studio or in plein air. I am trying to communicate to the viewer what I feel about this scene before me; by taking the abundant information of the landscape that my eye sees and simplifying that into an emotional response. I am less interested in copying exactly what exists and more in organizing the painting into an intuitive response to how I feel about the subject matter. I am intrigued by the patterns and shapes in nature on the prairie and the peaks of mountains and concentrate on the effects of light on these elements.

My formal education of art started in high school with Art Instruction Schools, then attending Colby Community College and Fort Hays State University. Through the years my education has continued with repeatedly studying works of artists that I admire through reading and attending workshops of Clyde Aspevig, Wayne Wolfe and Howard Friedland. Besides my numerous art shows and rewards, becoming a Signature Member of the Oil Painters of America was one of the highlights to my career as an oil painter."

David Vollbracht has exhibited his work at numerous shows including:

"Paints the Parks"

"Mountain Oyster Club Shows"

"National Oil Painters of America Exhibitions"

"American Plains Art Shows"

"Kansas Masters Invitational"

Paint America

National Small Oil Painting Show

Two Person Show – Coutts Museum

and various Kansas and Colorado Plein Air Shows

Awards and Honors

2013	Director's Choice Award	Paint the Parks	El Dorado, KS
2013	Best of Show	Small Works Art Show	Wichita, KS
2013	2 nd Place	Red River Art Show	Ardmore, OK
2012	Clinic Founders Award	Winter Gala Art Show	Ardmore, OK
2012	3 rd Place	National Small Oil Ptg. Show	Wichita, KS
2007	Gallery Award	American Plains Artist Inv.	Estes Park, CO
2003	Signature Membership Oil Painters of America		
2000	Robert A DiMeo Award	O.P.A National Show	Carmel, CA

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Gallery Hours: Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m.