

East West,
Search for the Sublime
American Vista
works by **Mark Flickinger**
of Arkansas City, Kansas



Grand Canyon, South Rim in October by
Mark Flickinger

Statement

Painting always begins as a response.

Outside in the light and air, full of every detail and movement, I at once find and lose myself.

It is important for me to be in the landscape and experience the light, weather, and changing nature of the place. I paint studies *in Situ*. These include oil studies, drawings, watercolors, photographs, and journals. When possible, I collect rock and plant samples from these locations. Upon returning to the studio, I will develop the finished paintings.

Eventually I set these things aside and complete the painting, leaning heavily on *memory*.

Ultimately, I love color, paint, texture, space, air, and light. I have a compulsion to *paint* and *be* in these places. I cannot separate my need to transcribe these experiences of place from the experience of painting itself.

Mark Flickinger

Biography

Mark Flickinger is a painter and teacher at Cowley College in Arkansas City, Kansas, who is known for his exquisitely-detailed landscape paintings. He earned an M.F.A. at Indiana University and B.F.A. at Wichita State University and has participated in exhibitions throughout the country. Additionally, he has done commissions and painted murals extensively throughout the region.



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