

August 20 through October 22, 2023

# *In the Garden*

paintings by

**Jim Simpson**

of Wichita, Kansas

## Artist Statement

Jim Simpson is a painter whose work primarily focuses on traditional themes like landscapes, botanicals, and wildlife, but in a bold, contemporary painting style – developing imagery that is uniquely his own.

Jim's works have been included in Wichita Arts Council juried shows, Kansas Watercolor 7-State Exhibitions, national juried shows at Mark Arts, and in private and corporate art collections. He has had solo shows at City Arts, Riney Fine Arts Center, Arthouse 310, and Gallery 1001.

Jim has enjoyed numerous artist in residence stays at the Red Barn Studio Museum, and is always inspired by the Lindsborg art community.



*Flush Sky* by Jim Simpson

## Biography

My art starts with the act of soaking up thousands of pieces of color, pattern, or unique forms. This storehouse of inspirational fragments is reflected in my work later on.

I'm a lifelong lover of all things battered and worn. My process lets the image evolve on the surface...working up layers, destroying parts, letting others parts gleam through from underneath, carving into previous layers. These actions all contribute to a richer image with depth and texture.

The majority of my paintings are acrylic or mixed media. It's a medium that goes well with my method of working. It allows me to be aggressive in the treatment of the painted surface.

My botanical and wildlife themes and are greatly influenced by my home state of Kansas. Years of observing and wandering the prairie landscape provide a wealth of visual images to draw upon. Although most of my compositions are

drawn from memory, instead of reference, a level of authenticity and sincerity comes thru in the work.



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