

Dennis K. Smith

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Artist Statement: A successful work of art should visually communicate the heart and soul of the artist. It should stir the imagination of the viewer and illicit a response. My goal is to capture the spirit of my subject and to provoke the engagement of the audience creating a visual excitement for a renewed appreciation of the subject. This is done not by rendering an exact likeness, but by artistically reacting to what I see and feel then visually imparting that same response to the viewer. Minor details fade away but the emotional exchange between the subject and artist provides lasting memories. I cannot remember the thousand and fifty third leaf of the tree, but I do remember the coolness of its shade on that hot summer day.

Canadian Artist Dennis K. Smith's distinctive artistic expressions result in works that come alive through the use of rhythmic brush work, choreographed passages of colour and strong contrast. His work projects honesty, simplicity and serenity that causes' one to stop and to take time to react with the painting and its message. His lino prints were exhibited and sold in the Canada - Japan Exchange Print Exhibition held at the Chiba Shimin Gallery Image in Japan. He has exhibited at The Royal Ontario Museum, 2010, has had solo exhibitions and has participated in numerous group shows.

Having worked for Chrysler Canada for thirty-four and a half years, Smith, now retired, teaches art full time in his LaSalle studio. He enjoys encouraging and motivating fellow artists to be true to their vision and to be honest in their artistic expressions and above all to let their work identify who they are.