

## About the Artist....

J. Michael (Mike) Harris resides in Manteo, NC. He has lived in many parts of the United States. He has also travel around Europe and Australia on work assignments and/or vacation. His realistic style of painting rural landscapes and beach scenes using Watercolor, Acrylic and/or Pen and Ink are popular among friends and business acquaintances alike. He shows regularly at the North Carolina State Fair, having been awarded several "Honorable Mentions" for his work.

Whether Harris is painting a rustic mountain cabin, a tobacco barn, a grist mill, a beach scene or a "house portrait," his goal is to create a sense of peace or bring back a memory for the viewer. "I hope all my work will bring back a view's memory of a time and place long forgotten or dreamed about. The colors I use are selected to help evoke those memories."

Harris is a self-taught watercolorist. He has painted for about twenty years following encouragement from his wife, his mother (also an artist) and many acquaintances. "I try to paint what I see but I often leave out or add details to make the painting more appealing to the viewer. Watercolor is expressive, yet unpredictable. It leaves plenty of room for interpretation." Harris creates his soft realistic style by layering washes of paint until just the color and mood are achieved. Occasionally, acrylic and/or ink are used with watercolor paints to highlight items or to bring the viewer's attention to certain features within the painting.

"God has given me this talent to use and to develop as I will. Hopefully, you will enjoy what I have crafted."

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