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## Biography



An artist and a teacher for over thirty years, Thomas J. Owen is a nationally recognized painter in watercolor, acrylic and oil. His work ranges from landscapes to figurative and he enjoys developing designs from subjects such as steam locomotives, fishing boats, rustic architecture and intimate scenes from nature. His perspective on art is to paint his subjects in a manner that exhibits the best qualities of the media.

Tom grew up in a small town in central Pennsylvania where he developed his love of art, the natural world and sport. He was an all-state fullback in football and attended college on a football scholarship. An education graduate of Northwest Missouri State University, he became interested in art after college and studied with **Robert E. Wood**, **Ed Whitney** and **Rex Brandt**.

A signature member of both the **American Watercolor Society** and the **National Watercolor Society**, Owen has established himself as one of the Southwest's premier landscape painters and has won over 60 awards in National and International exhibitions including the Mario Cooper & Dale Myers Medal from the American Watercolor Society, the Rouse Gold Medallion in the Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolor, the Jurors Choice in the San Diego International Watermedia exhibition, and Best of Shows from the Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Society, the Colorado Watercolor Society and the Society of Watercolor Artists.

Tom currently teaches painting to all levels of students at the Pikes Peak Community Collage and the Cottonwood Center for the Arts in Colorado Springs. He also conducts workshops across the United States in watercolor and plein air painting. To see all of his currently scheduled workshops, go to [Workshops](#).

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## Museum, Public & Corporate Collections

American Numismatic Assoc. Museum, Colorado Springs, CO  
Arapahoe National Bank, Boulder, CO  
Central Bank Corp of North Denver, Denver, CO  
Columbia Museum of Art, Columbia, SC  
Colorado CPA Association, Denver, CO  
Colorado Beef, Japan  
ConAgra, Greeley, CO  
Deloitte & Touche, Colorado Springs & Denver, CO  
Fremont County Arts Center, Canon City, CO  
Gates Rubber, Denver, CO  
Greengard, Senter and Associates, Denver, CO  
Kaiser Energy, Colorado Springs, CO  
Kaiser Permanente Medical Center, Denver, CO  
Memorial Hospital North, Colorado Springs, CO  
MCI, Colorado Springs, CO  
Mid-Kansas Engineering, Wichita, KS  
M&M Boll, Denver, CO  
Phelps Dodge Corp, Phoenix, AZ  
Pioneers Museum, Colorado Springs, CO  
Redlands Community Hospital, Redlands, CA  
Southern Arizona Watercolor Guild, Tucson, AZ  
Swift and Co., Greeley, CO  
United Bank of Colorado, Denver, CO  
University of Colorado Hospital, Denver, CO  
US West Diversified, Denver, CO  
City of Westminster, CO  
Weld County Courthouse, Greeley, CO  
Wichita Center for the Arts, Wichita, KS

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## Major Awards & Honors

### Adirondacks National Exhibition of American Watercolors

- Florence and H. Samuel Slater Award, 1999
- Adirondack Wilderness Award and Gold Medallion, 1995

### American Watercolor Society

- Mario Cooper and Dale Meyers Medal, 2010
- Traveling Show Selection, 2008
- Mario Cooper and Dale Meyers Medal, 2003

### California Watercolor Association

- Silver Medal, 2009

### Colorado Watercolor Society

- Honorable Mention, 2009
- Presidents Award, 2008
- Award of Excellence, 2007
- Best of Show, 2006
- Executive Board Award, 1999

### Missouri Watercolor Society

- Friends of the Memorial Award, 2001

### Kansas Watercolor Society

- Charles and Ruth Sanderson Memorial Award, 2008
- 2007 Invitational: Second Place Award

- 7 State Exhibition, Dean and Barbara Ritchie Award, 2002
- Mid-Kansas Engineering Purchase Award, 2000
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### National Watercolor Society

- Henry Fukuhara Award (in memory of Milford Zornes), 2009
- Travel Exhibition Selection, 2009
- Harriet Wexler Bartsch Memorial Award, 1994

### Pennsylvania Watercolor Society

- Juror's Award, 2009
- M. Graham Award, 2008
- Keystone Award, 2000

### Pikes Peak Watercolor Society

- Watermedia XV, Jack Richeson Award, 2007
- Watermedia XIV, Honorable Mention, 2005
- Watermedia XIII, Silver Award, 2003
- Watermedia X, Best Transparent Watercolor, 1999
- Watermedia IX, Alpen Award, 1998

### Rocky Mountain National Watermedia Exhibition

- First Place Award for Excellence, 2009
- Catalog Cover Selection, 2008
- Omni TRAX Award, 1999
- Meyer Award, 1998

### San Diego Watercolor Society International Exhibition

- Pacific Palette Award, 2009
- Holbein Award, 2004

### Sangre de Christo Arts Center

- Representing the West Invitational: 2nd Place, 2009

- Representing the West Invitational: Dean St. Claire Award, 2007
- Representing the West Invitational: US Bank Award, 2005

### **Society of Watercolor Artists, Fort Worth, TX**

- Best of Show, 2000
- Silver Brush Award, 1999
- Dr Martin's Award, 1997

### **Taos National Exhibition of American Watercolors**

- Award of Merit, 2009
- Artisans Award, 2003
- Meritorious Award, 2002

### **Texas Watercolor Society**

- Amy Freeman Lee Founder's Award, 2007

### **Watercolor Arts Society - Houston**

- Award of Merit, 2007
- Award of Merit, 2000
- Award of Merit, 1999

### **Watercolor West, Riverside, CA**

- Purchase Award, Redlands Community Hospital, 2007
- Merchandise Award, 2004
- National Watercolor Society Award, 2001

### **Western Colorado Watercolor Society**

- Best Artist of Colorado, 2008

### **Western Federation of Watercolor Societies**

- Merit Award, 2009
- Award of Merit, 2008