

Don Lake Watercolors: Travels and Trailers



The McLean County Arts Center presents the exhibition ***Don Lake Watercolors: Travels and Trailers*** from December 6, 2013 through January 4, 2014.

An Opening Reception for the exhibition will be on Friday, December 6 from 5pm to 7pm in the Armstrong Gallery during Downtown Bloomington's First Friday.

Don Lake will also be giving an Art Talk on Tuesday, December 10 at 6pm. Both events are free and open to the public.

For nearly forty years, Don Lake has been painting photorealistic landscapes with transparent watercolor. His process begins by traveling to and photographing locations as near as the Flint Hills of Kansas and as far as Costa Rica. The photographs are studied in his studio in Champaign and meticulously rendered in layers of underpainting, washes, and highlights of intense color. Lake states, "I pay special attention to edges, and strive for bold values, strong colors. It is the slow process of drawing and coaxing real and imagined forms into being that provides my satisfaction in painting." The crisp, visual complexities of the reflections and textures in the paintings inspire other senses; the feel of gravel underfoot, the sound of night wind through grasses, or the smell of the carnival fare. To view Lake's watercolors is to join him on his travels and experience each place for the first, but not last time.



Don Lake is an established artist in Champaign. He is a Professor Emeritus of Parkland College in Champaign having taught for over thirty years and directed the Art and Design Program for over twenty. Don is a member of the Watercolor USA Honor Society, exhibits widely, and has been the recipient of many awards.

The exhibition is generously sponsored by Charlette & Roger Elm, and Susan Wang.

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