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I began painting classes at the Alexandria Art League in Alexandria VA in 1992. I studied with Jane Simanis, Ted Butts, and Steve Fleming. Since 1999 I have attended workshops, primarily with Alvaro Castagnet and Steve Fleming.

Although I was born into a family of artists, I did not pick up a brush until I was in my thirties. I had a career in the shipbuilding business with the US Navy, the State of Alaska, and the University of Alaska until I retired in 2015. I have a BS from MIT, 1978, in naval architecture and marine engineering.

In October 2019 I moved to Round Pond, Maine from Juneau, Alaska. The local scenery, the harbors, the lobster boats, and the old homes are wonderful subjects. This is a great place to retire and to paint. My work includes urban scenes, landscapes and seascapes. I paint to capture the atmosphere of a scene as much as the scene itself, and it's just plain fun.

My paintings have sold consistently for over 25 years. I have displayed and sold paintings in Alexandria VA, Seattle WA, Marinette WI, Juneau AK and now in Lincoln County, ME.

In 1999 I became a member of the Juneau Artists Gallery in Juneau Alaska, and I had consistent sales at this local artists' co-op gallery until about 2005.

I am now a member of River Arts Gallery in Damariscotta, ME, where I had paintings accepted and sold in several juried shows in late 2020 and 2021.

Since mid 2017 I have posted over 425 images of my paintings on Instagram at gary.smith.ak. Most of these are plein air paintings. I have also maintained a website for my art since 2015.

My watercolor materials are simple: a couple big brushes; a few small brushes; 140 pound Arches rough paper; Daniel Smith or Winsor Newton paints in cool and warm hues of red, blue and yellow, with burnt sienna, neutral tint, and occasionally a bit of titanium white for lost highlights.