

## JIM CARSON, OPA, AIS

Jim Carson was the managing partner in the law firm of Chambless, Higdon and Carson, in Macon, Ga., where he practiced law for 31 years.

Although always interested in drawing, even at an early age, Jim's interest in art was dormant while law school, marriage, raising a family, and building a law practice took precedent.

Jim took a night painting course in 1989, and the seed was planted. This journey culminated in July, 2003, when Jim retired from law practice, moved to Saluda, N.C., and now paints full time.

Jim is a Signature Member of the American Impressionist Society, a Signature Member of Oil Painters of America, a member of Plein Air Painters of the Southeast, and the Salmagundi Club, in NYC.

Jim won the Neil Patterson Award of Excellence in the 2019 National OPA Exhibition , an Award of Excellence in the 2015 AIS National Exhibition, and the William Schultz Memorial Award in Oils in the 2020 AIS National Exhibition.

Jim's new Studio Gallery is located at 20-2 Main St., in Saluda, N.C., next to the Visitors Center.