

EDWARD BETTS

Biographical Data

Edward Betts is a member of the National Academy of Design and the American Watercolor Society, and is a professor emeritus of art at the University of Illinois. He holds a B. A. degree in History of Art from Yale University and an M. F. A. in Painting from the University of Illinois. Born in 1920 and brought up in New York City, he attended summer sessions at the Art Students League from 1935 to 1942, and as a full-time student there from 1946 to 1948.

Betts has been represented in virtually every important national exhibition, including major surveys of contemporary American painting at the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the Corcoran Gallery of Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and other national and international exhibitions at the Art Institute of Chicago, the Brooklyn Museum, Denver Art Museum, San Francisco Art Museum and the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts. His paintings have been included in international exchange exhibitions in Japan, England, Brazil, Mexico, Canada and Australia.

He has received more than sixty exhibition awards, is a three-time winner of the \$2000 First Altman Landscape Prize at the National Academy of Design and seven awards at the American Water Color Society, including two Silver Medals of Honor. His work is represented in fifty public and corporate collections such as the Fogg Museum of Art, Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, New Britain Museum of American Art, Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company, Continental Grain Company, Irving Trust Company, Prudential Life Insurance Company and the Butler Institute of American Art.

In 1983 American Artist Magazine featured Betts as one of fourteen "living legends" in American Watercolor. He is the author of three books, "Master Class in Watercolor", "Creative Landscape Painting" and "Creative Seascape Painting", **"MASTER CLASS IN WATERMEDIA"**.

Betts first came to Ogunquit in 1947, and has continued to summer there every year. In 1951 he served as president of the Ogunquit Art Association, and as he became increasingly known as a Maine artist, his work was included in such invitational exhibitions as "Maine -- 100 Artists of the 20th Century" at Colby College in 1964, "Expressions from Maine" at Hobe Sound Galleries, Fla., 1975,

"Maine '75" at the Bowdoin College Art Museum, 1975, and
"76 Maine Artists" at the Maine State Art Museum in Augusta,
1976.

He is listed in "Who's Who in America" and "Who's Who in
American Art".

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PUBLIC AND CORPORATE COLLECTIONS

Fogg Museum of Art, Cambridge, Massachusetts
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, Richmond, Virginia
National Academy of Design, New York City
Butler Institute of American Art, Youngstown, Ohio
New Britain Museum of American Art, New Britain, Connecticut
Indianapolis Art Museum, Indianapolis, Indiana
La Jolla Art Center, La Jolla, California
Portland Museum of Art, Portland, Maine
William A. Farnsworth Library and Museum, Rockland, Maine
Ball State University, Muncie, Indiana
Springfield Art Museum, Springfield, Missouri
Davenport Municipal Art Gallery, Davenport, Iowa
Davis Art Gallery, Stephens College, Missouri
University of Rochester Memorial Art Gallery, Rochester, New York
Ogunquit Museum of American Art, Ogunquit, Maine
Atlanta University, Atlanta, Georgia
California Watercolor Society, Los Angeles, California
Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas
Irving Trust Company, New York City
Upjohn Pharmaceutical Company, Kalamazoo, Michigan
Sandoz Pharmaceutical Company, New Jersey
Continental Grain Company, New York City
United Virginia State Planters Bank, Richmond, Virginia
Prudential Life Insurance Company, Newark, New Jersey
Tupperware International, Orlando, Florida
The Southland Corporation, Dallas, Texas
McDonald's Headquarters, Oakbrook, Illinois
First National Bank, Boston, Massachusetts
Transco Energy, Houston, Texas
Central Trust Bank, Jefferson City, Missouri
Casco Bank and Trust Company, Portland, Maine
United States Information Agency, Art in the Embassies Program
Hollister Corporation, Libertyville, Illinois
Angus Chemical Company, Northbrook, Illinois
North American Rockwell, El Segundo, California
Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, Cleveland, Ohio
Lincoln National Life Insurance, Fort Wayne, Indiana