

REG FINLAYSON
Painter Biography

Reg Finlayson received his art education at the Ontario College of Art in Toronto where he graduated in Advertising Illustration in 1964. His teachers included well known Canadian painters Franklin Arbuckle, Allan Collier and Eric Freifeld. After gaining experience in Canada as an advertising artist, he worked and travelled extensively throughout the world for four years, living in Sydney, Australia and London, England.

Painting has always been an important leisure pursuit and his art education was expanded while in Europe through intense exploration of the major galleries there. Reg has since exhibited in many group showings and won awards in juried shows in the Toronto area for his landscape and wildlife art.

His knowledge and love of the game of golf has seen him also develop a series of now famous "Caddie" paintings. Reg was the only Canadian whose work was featured in the prestigious 1990 American book "Tribute to Golf". As well, one of his paintings was featured on the cover of the American magazine "Golf Teaching Pro". He currently has limited edition golf prints available in the Canadian and American markets; six of his golf prints are sold out. He has also painted commissioned signature golf hole portraits of Glen Abbey, North Halton, Mad River, The Briars, Thornhill and other clubs.

In addition to his golf paintings Reg does landscapes, portraits and other special commissioned work. In Canada he is represented by the Barber Gallery in Guelph. He spends part of the winter in St. Simons Island, Georgia where he paints the local landscape and is represented by Art Works Gallery and Glynn Art Gallery. He is a member of Visual Arts Mississauga, The Central Ontario Art Association, and Glynn Art Association in St. Simons. His latest work is an acrylic portrait of Mary Ann Lapointe, who was recently inducted into the Canadian Golf Hall of Fame. It's easy to understand why his circle of devoted collectors has expanded as his paintings and prints now hang in homes and corporate offices throughout the world.

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