

# FOCUS ON ART

## Getting to Know Vince Walsh *Artist and Painting Instructor*

### ABOUT TEACHING AT THE GRAND

I have lived in Tracy for over 40 years and have been painting for 50 years. I served as a US Marine in Vietnam, where I was awarded the Purple Heart. I took up painting later in life with encouragement from my wife. I find great joy in sharing my talents and good fortune with others. I take pride in being the first to teach a class at the Grand Theatre for the Grand (which I like to brag about). Many of my students are now receiving recognition and awards for their work.

I primarily use acrylics as my teaching medium because it dries quickly and is easy to correct. I also paint with oils. Acrylic paint allows us to create in styles similar to watercolor or alla prima (wet into wet), comparable to oil painting techniques. I began teaching because I wanted to pass on the knowledge I received from others.

### ABOUT PAINTING

I am primarily an outdoor painter rather than a studio painter. In every painting, I always ask myself, “Why am I painting this subject?” When you are outdoors, everything is changing; everything is in motion. I aim to capture that moment in time before it disappears. It’s a fleeting experience that may not even be entirely real, but it feels authentic to me. It’s about expressing my feelings toward the subject rather than simply reproducing it as a camera would. I want to reveal the artist within the work; it’s about interpretation, not replication. I prefer to work with large brushes as they make painting more expressive. I focus on large shapes and believe in using deliberate practice exercises to enhance my skills.

The Grand provides a wonderful community for artists and is conveniently located near my home. I hope to have a solo exhibition in the future. I have two beautiful children who live out of state.

### ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF NOTE

I have participated in and received awards at both local and national exhibitions. I have had paintings featured in two different issues of Southwest Art Magazine. One of my paintings was the cover of the Tracy Press in 2016. I had a painting on the cover of the Stockton Symphony program from 2013 to 2014. I have volunteered to paint through The WE Heart Art Academy, in state prisons, and at The Challenge Academy. I have organized small art shows alongside a few other artists. I am a past president of the Tracy Art League.

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*Plein Air Painting  
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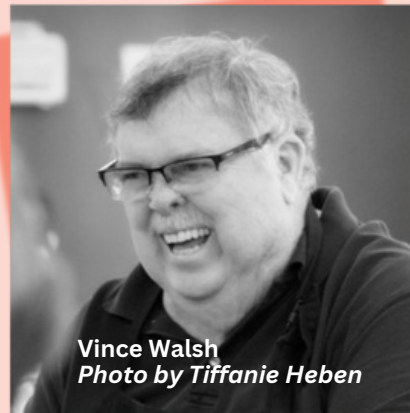
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*Teaching visiting students about watercolor painting  
at Expressions Art Show*



*Vince Walsh  
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*Vince Walsh, The Secret Spot,  
featured at Expressions Curated Art Show*

