

Meet the 2018 Elegance in Wood Judges

BUCK ARNHOLD – Artist



A native of Kansas, Buck Arnhold has spent 60 of his 66 years "dreaming of" or "being" an artist. Spurred on throughout school by great teachers and good programs, especially at Hays High school, he went on to earn three art degrees including a BA, an MA, and an MFA while also serving as a teaching assistant at Fort Hays State University.

After college, Buck continued as a billboard painter, muralist, and sign artist in Hays, KS. With a move to Kansas City, he continued his career with Acme Signs and in addition he did commissioned artwork. After nine years at Acme, he was hired by Associated Grocers as their mural painter. There he would supply artwork for stores in 22 states.



He has an estimated 2,000 works in Associated Grocery Stores. In addition to murals, Buck carved foam sculptures up to 28 feet long depicting food items.



A highlight for Buck during his time in Kansas City was to be able to paint player portrait banners for the KC Chiefs that were hung around the perimeter of the field during games.

After his retirement in December of 2014, Buck continues to paint and draw daily. He is kept busy by the area elementary schools with murals in at least 20 schools. He continues taking on commissions and having yearly art shows.



MARK SAMPSEL – Master Sculptor

Mark Sampsel, from Kansas City, MO., is a nationally known stone and bronze sculptor. Mark, the fourth of six children, was born in Elyria, Ohio. In 1976, his parents moved the family to Council Grove, Kansas. He has worked and lived in the Kansas City metropolitan area ever since.



At an early age, Mark was interested and actively involved in art. He sold his first sculpture in 1977 while he was still in High School.

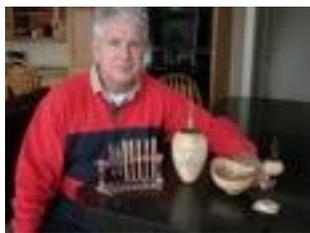
Mark continued his education at Coffeerville Kansas Junior College; then he went on to study Art at Kansas University in 1980's. Later, he met and became an assistant to Elden Tefft, a Professor Emeritus of Art at KU and worked at the KU Art Studio.

One of Mark's sculptures is "Major General Funston" and resides in Iola, Kansas. The other of is "Guardian of the Grove" and is located in Council Grove, Kansas. Mark is the first sculptor to get permission from the Kaw Nation to create a likeness of its people. His creation, "Guardian of the Grove," is a warrior standing 8' 10". The bronze was cast at Elden Tefft's sculpture studio southeast of Lawrence. Another of his work is "The Kaw Chiefs and the Last Five Full Bloods" and is located in Kaw City, Oklahoma.

In talking with Mark, one can tell he loves what he does, and shares his knowledge as both a sculptor and teacher of Stone Carving, Casting, and Sculpture Design.



DICK WOODHOUSE – Wood Turner



Following my retirement, I was able to pursue my hidden desire to do woodworking. I began turning pens and quickly become fascinated with woodturning.

I joined the Kansas City Wood Turners Club to advance my understanding and learn from association. I have served as Secretary, Vice President, President, and Advisor.



My works have received a mention in the *Kansas City Star* in June 2001, February 2003, and November 2005. In 2008, my works were selected by Bruce Hartman for display and sale in the Nerman Museum of Contemporary Art. In 2012, I was invited to participate in the Stems Event at the Arboretum in Overland Park when wood was added to the arts.