

Mark Keathley was born in 1963, the son of loving and dedicated parents, and was raised on his family farm in east Texas. He has always loved and enjoyed the glorious and diverse world around him. His early years in the country chasing lizards, exploring the creek, raising chickens, and hunting with his father have had a lasting effect on his paintings.



Rarely did something beautiful escape his notice. At an early age he was taken with the desire to capture those perfect moments in time when a fond memory just was not enough. Upon discovering his mother's box of oils and brushes in

the attic, a spark of interest and determination was kindled. With encouragement from his family and friends he began moving toward a career in art. Mark's first landscape at the age of 12 was a "tribute to green" and not much else. He continued to pursue those scenes with charcoal and pencil as his tools. At 15 he was given a starter set of acrylics, a wild-life magazine subscription for subject matter, and the rest is, as they say, history.

Mark has become a highly successful artist and has won numerous awards, including the coveted "Popular Award" twice at the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame Show, the Gold and Silver awards for both acrylic and oil, and the Gold Medal award at the Old West Museum Show in Cheyenne, WY.

In a world of turbulence and unrest, Mark Keathley gently reminds us of the beauty and peace available in this life.