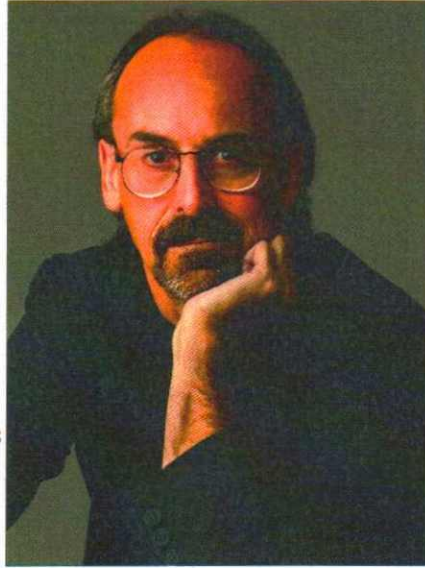


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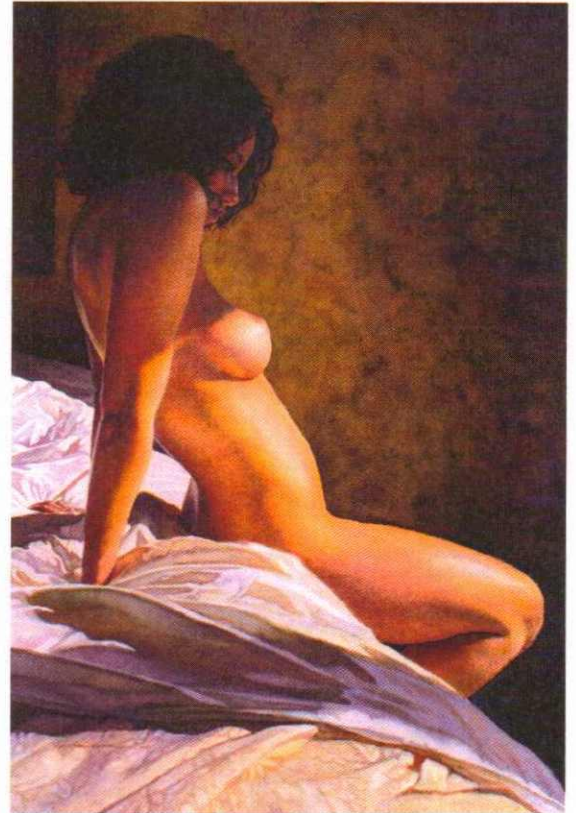
Although teachers often cited his artistic ability, Steve Hanks' main interest while growing up was sports, though his interest in art grew as he did. He studied for a year at the San Francisco Academy of Fine Arts & received his Bachelors in Fine Arts from the California College of Arts & Crafts in Oakland, during the explosive sixties. His classes in figure drawing formed a foundation he has drawn on his whole career.



Steve's early art, shows the influence the shifting attitudes of the sixties had on the young artist. His first works were pencil-drawn caricatures & oil paintings, until an allergic reaction to oil paint forced him to experiment with watercolors. Adapting techniques he learned from other media, Hanks learned to create watercolors as "finished" as oils.



By 1973, the artist's work began to gain recognition. Steve Has has twice won the Arts for the Parks Marine Art Award of Excellence & has been one of the Arts for the Parks top 100 artists since 1989. He received the National Watercolor Society Merit Award & a Gold Medal from the



National Academy of Western Art & was named Artist of the Year at the Pacific Rim Show in Seattle in 1999. Since 1993, he has been one of US Art magazine's top ten American artists. Steve was one of five winners selected to the US Art Hall of Fame in the year 2000.

Steve Hanks lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He is represented by the ES Lawrence Gallery in Aspen, Colorado & the Greenwich Workshop Gallery in Fairfield, Connecticut. Weems Galleries & Framing is honored to host Steve Hanks' first show in his native town.