

David Magruder

Famed ornithologist and writer Frank M. Chapman once wrote, "Everyone is born with a bird in his heart." David Magruder, wildlife artist, paints with that thought foremost in his mind.

In his work, one can sense the "bird in his heart," as he brings the delicacy of the hummingbird or the majesty of the Canada goose to life on the paper. His delicate touch, combined with a

flare for accuracy and exquisite color, draw the viewer to a new attraction towards wildlife.

Primarily self-taught as an artist, Magruder's professional background and training is in education and biology.

He received his BA and MAS degrees in education from the University of New Mexico. For the past 20 years, he has been an

employee with the Albuquerque Public Schools. As for his fascination with art, that began some ten years ago with pen and ink. With time, the challenge to work with something

different, and something colored, led him to experiment with the medium of watercolor. This medium proved to be very satisfying in that it allowed him the means to communicate the love and special feelings

which he has towards wildlife and birds in particular.

Magruder's works have been exhibited in a number of juried shows throughout the Southwest, including: the New Mexico Art & Crafts Fair; the New Mexico State Fair; the Las Cruces Renaissance Arts Festival; the New Mexico Wildlife Federation Arts Festival; and the Arkansas Wildlife Federation

Arts Festival, in Pine Bluffs, Arkansas. He has won several awards and special recognitions along the way, including the Rio Grande Chapter of Ducks Unlimited's "Artist of the Year" award.

Practically a native of New Mexico, Magruder paints his colorful watercolors from his home studio in Albuquerque. His paintings are exhibited in Weems Gallery in Albuquerque and also in Cloudcroft, New Mexico. You are invited to come and "set free the bird in your heart" and enjoy the watercolor paintings of David Magruder.

