

Burl J. Dawson Jr.



Biography

Burl J. Dawson Jr. was born in 1953 in Providence, Rhode Island. He attended Swain School of Design in New Bedford, Massachusetts, majoring in painting, with a minor in design, obtaining a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in 1976. Burl returned to school at Southeastern Massachusetts University, earning a Master's Degree in Art Education in 1986. In June 2018 he retired after teaching art for 29 years in North Smithfield Public Schools in northern Rhode Island.

Burl and his family reside in the Green Hill Beach area of South Kingstown, Rhode Island. Burl's paintings capture the Rhode Island coastline in all seasons.

Artist's Statement

Compositionally, there is a visual tension that occurs between forms as it creates space or depth in a painting. This tension has a psychological effect on our subconscious. Using somewhat of an impressionistic approach to painting I focus on the figure, landscape and its imagery. My intention is to have you, the viewer, be drawn into my work and hope that you feel something within you just as I did as I was painting it. Out of all the art elements, color is my favorite. In addition to the linear perspective, I am trying to create atmospheric perspective through the use of color harmony, brushwork and the application of paint. It is basically, the essence of the day I am trying to capture and create in my paintings. If I can get you to feel emotionally, that you are part of my paintings then, I think I'm onto something.

Website: www.BurlDawson.com

Represented by:

Charlestown Gallery — 5000 South county Trail, Charlestown, Rhode Island

Fuller Gallery — 42 Narragansett Ave, Jamestown, Rhode Island

Juried/Invitational Exhibitions

Warwick Museum of Art, Warwick, RI – *Annual Juried- Rhode Island Open* (2006, 2003, 2000, '99, '97)

Spring Bull Gallery, Newport, RI – *"Fabulous Fakes..."* (2000), *"Seascapes..."* (2000)

Dryden Galleries Ltd, Providence, RI - (2002, 1999)

Rhode Island Art Education Assoc. - *Annual Juried Shows* (1987 – 1999)

South County Art Assoc. Kingston, RI - *"Two by Three by Nine"*, (1994)

"Art from the Workshops" (1993), *Open Show* (1992)

Rockport Board of Trade, Rockport MA - *Annual Juried - Gallery Walk*, (1988)

Office of Senator John H Chafee, Washington DC - *ART & SOUL* (1982, '80)

Roger Williams College, Bristol RI – *Juried Exhibition* (1975)

Awards/Honors

20th Annual Rhode Island Open, 2006 – 2nd Place Award

11th Annual Rhode Island Open, 1997 – 1st Place Award

Rhode Island Art Teacher's Association, 1994 – 1st Place Award, 1992 – 2nd Place Award

1991 – 6th Place Award, 1988 – 2nd Place Award, 1987 – 3rd Place Award

Burrillville Outdoor Art Festival, 1975 – 1st Place Award

Roger Williams College, 1975 – 2nd Place Award

