

ED CEPIEL

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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Fine Arts (BFA), Painting

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 1985

AWARDS AND HONORS

Best in Category – Watercolor

Paint the Town Plein Air Festival, Ottawa, Illinois, 2025

Rickert-Ziebold Trust Award Recipient

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois, 1985

Permanent Institutional Collection

Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois

Table Setting (Watercolor, 7" x 11"), 1985

SELECTED SOLO EXHIBITIONS

Orland Park Public Library

Orland Park, Illinois, 2012

Exhibited 19 oil paintings and watercolors

Morris Arts Festival – One-Man Exhibition

Baum Building, Morris, Illinois, 2001

Exhibited 22 oil paintings, watercolors, and drawings

SELECTED JURIED AND GROUP EXHIBITIONS

American Watercolor Society, 135th Annual International Exhibition

The Salmagundi Club, New York, New York, 2002

Still Life with Sticks and Leaves (Watercolor)

Texas Watercolor Society, 54th Annual Exhibition

San Antonio, Texas, 2003

Blue Bottle (Watercolor)

Realism Today Exhibition

John Pence Gallery, San Francisco, California, 2000

Sponsored by American Artist Magazine

Why Bother? (Oil on Panel)

Laredo Center for the Arts, 12th Annual International Juried Exhibition

Laredo, Texas, 2004

Baseball, Ping-Pong, Golf (Watercolor)

Landscape Unlimited

Fine Arts Building Gallery, Chicago, Illinois, 2003–2004

Bright Cloud and *Morning Sunshine on the River* (Watercolors)

Chicago Art Open

River East Art Center, Chicago, Illinois, 2010

Navy Pier (Oil on Canvas)

Chicago Art Open

Iron Studios, Chicago, Illinois, 2007

The Petunia Painting (Oil on Panel)

Chicago Art Open

Zhou B Art Center, Chicago, Illinois, 2006

A Day at the River (Watercolor)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

President & Co-Founder

The EXhibit Fine Arts Center & Gallery

Morris, Illinois

2015–Present

Co-founded the nonprofit 501(c)(3) arts organization and community gallery. Oversees exhibitions, programming, artist opportunities, and public arts initiatives.

SELECTED PLEIN AIR FESTIVALS

Paint the Town Plein Air Festival, Ottawa, Illinois, 2025
Liberty Arts Festival, Morris, Illinois, 2019–2025
Art in the Park Art Festival, Ottawa, Illinois, 2019–2024

JUROR EXPERIENCE

Juror, Grundy County Corn Festival Art & Photo Shows (2022–2025)

PUBLICATIONS

American Artist Magazine

Realism Today, October 2000

Morris Daily Herald

"Morris Artist Finds Life in Art," September 22, 2000

Joliet Herald News

"Realistic Rewards," October 8, 2000

Morris Daily Herald

"Idea Machine," October 13, 2006

Mediums

Oil Painting • Watercolor • Drawing • Plein Air Painting