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Ron Beahn started studying watercolor painting in the fall of 1980 by participating in classes from local working artists in his hometown of Akron, Ohio. He expanded his studies by attending workshops and classes given by many nationally known artists that include: Claude Croney AWS, Franklin Jones AWS, Edgar Whitney AWS, Irving Shapiro AWS, Tom Nicholas AWS, NA, Don Andrews AWS, Carlton Plummer AWS, Mel Stabin AWS, Hal Scroggy AWS, and Marc Moon AWS.

*Artist's Statement: "Watercolor has become the perfect medium for me and an extension of who I am. I gravitate to subjects that are personal and important to me and ones that rekindle memories of past experiences. My subject matter is presented in a simpler and uncluttered form. I focus on depicting the mood and energy that moved me to select the subject and am continually challenging myself to become a better interpreter of that information."*

Ron has exhibited in many one man shows and competed in numerous nationally known exhibitions, where he has been recognized for his ability to handle the medium. He has been accepted into the annual Ohio Watercolor Show in 2016, 2018, 2019 (Travel Show), 2020 (Travel Show), and 2021. He is a life time member and a past President of the "Whiskey Painters of America" and a signature member of the Ohio Watercolor Society. He is a past officer and board member of local art groups, and holds associate membership in various national art organizations as well.

Ron has been involved in the assembly and development of art shows since 1980 and has been on the management side of producing art shows since 1985. He was Director of the Boston Mills Artfest from 1995 to 2013. Under his leadership Boston Mills one of the finest outdoor shows in the United States. In addition, Ron was the Creator/Director/Promoter of the Ann Arbor National Spring Art Show and the Ann Arbor National Fall Art Show, two indoor fine art shows held on the University of Michigan's campus. He was the Director/Developer of the Castle Farms Fine Art Show in Charlevoix, Michigan. He was commissioned to create the Canton National Fine Art Show for the Canton Museum of Art in Canton, Ohio.

Ron is the retired Art Curator for the Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company. While curator, he created, developed and managed a collection of over 600 pieces of artwork. Ron has also been employed to manage and develop the art program that consists of in excess of 4,000 pieces, at the nationally known Akron Children's Hospital in Akron, Ohio and recently retired as their art consultant. He also owned and managed an upscale art gallery and frame shop in Green, Ohio and has retired from a successful framing business in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.