**Mike McSorley**

**Bio**

Mike stared making art at a young age. He drew and sculpted people and animals from imagination. In high school he focused on art, taking a 2-period class for seniors. His main interest was sculpture. A college class led him to painting, where he concentrated on painting from life: Still-Life’s, Landscapes and Figures.

Mike’s work has been shown in regional and national shows, a handful of solo shows and has won some awards. He was awarded three [Arts and Humanities Fellowship Program Grant](https://dcarts.dc.gov/node/1448331)s by the DC Commission on the Arts and Humanities (years 2020, 2021, 2022). In 2019 he was accepted as a Torpedo Factory Art Center Eligible Artist. His piece *Eckington Korner* was acquired for The Washingtonia Collection through the DC Creates! Public Art Program in 2016 and *Along the Patuxent* was acquired for the Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies in 2022.

He has won 2 First Place awards at Plein-Air festivals in Berlin, MD (2016) and Falls Church, VA (2017).

Mike has had solo exhibits at The Arts Club of Washington DC (2022), the National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD, the Hill Center in Washington, DC (2019); The Art League Gallery in Alexandria (2018); the 43rd Street Gallery in Pittsburgh, PA. (2014) and the Westmoreland Museum of American Art in Greensburg, PA. (2014). Along with a group showing at the Brentwood Arts Exchange (2021). The piece *Possessions* was created for the Westmoreland Museum's *Peddling Personalities* exhibit. Another piece, *In the Kitchen* was made for the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette’s [*Verse Envisioned: Poems from the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette and the works of art they have inspire*](http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/books/2016/02/17/Book-review-Anthology-connects-art-and-poetry/stories/201602170019)*d*[.](http://www.post-gazette.com/ae/books/2016/02/17/Book-review-Anthology-connects-art-and-poetry/stories/201602170019) A Fellowship to the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts occurred in 2015.

Mike recently moved to Milford, Delaware, with his wife.