

Marv Pontiff: Ink, Colored Pencil, Acrylics, Oil, Watercolor



Marv served on active duty in the U.S. Coast Guard for 24 years until his military retirement in July 1999, and was a maritime safety, security, and marine environmental consultant until 2020. He's been a resident of Mt. Pleasant since 1995. He has enjoyed art throughout his professional career, particularly cartooning and caricature in ink, on signs, posters, and in service-related magazines. A self-taught artist, he discovered early how drawing cartoons of various people, places, and things helped him cope with life situations...and made his friends laugh. He recently completed his second written and illustrated children's book, for young and old, **THE LITTLE TAN MAN AND OTHER SILLY STORIES**. It's filled with silly words, alliteration, figures of speech, poems, and colorful images.

His first children's book, **I THINK MY TEACHER MAY BE A DIMETRODON** is filled with colorful watercolor illustrations. This book, written from a young child's perspective, imagines people in different occupations as dinosaurs...each with positive traits and attributes. Like most kids, Marv's a big fan of dinosaurs, so these dinosaurs are illustrated in beautiful, bright colors, and in a humorous cartoon style. The book ends on a positive note encouraging the reader to visualize who he or she will be when grown up.

Marv has also written and illustrated the humorous cartoon book, **SURVIVOR CADET: A PERSPECTIVE ON ATTENDING THE U.S. COAST GUARD ACADEMY IN THE 1970'S** and illustrated the children's book by his longtime friend Doshia Daniels Burton entitled, **BENDING TWIGS: SNAPSHOTS OF THE INNER WORKINGS OF CHILDREN'S MINDS**.

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