## **Biography**

## **Art Fronckowiak**

(1949 - 2009)



**Voted Best Florida Artist in 1995** and inducted to *Who's Who in American Art* in 1997, artist Art Fronckowiak (pronounced Fron-ko-wee-ak) is a painter whose "first love" is the traditional romantic landscape. In his paintings, he pays special attention to the play of light and shadow from bright to extreme dark. Characteristically, in his floral-architectural paintings he creates a sense of peacefulness that invites the viewer to linger and enjoy.

Fronckowiak's palette and technique are reminiscent of an Old World blend of light, color, and composition. He reflects on the classical techniques of past styles and then interprets in his own romantic, impressionistic way. He spent many years crafting the look, feel, and presence of the early masters from the European "Barbizon" painters to the "Hudson River" period as well.

His many wonderful paintings adorn the homes, offices, and yachts of private and corporate collectors all over the world. He is known especially for his beautiful and romantic architectural landscapes. His passing at such an early age robs the world of his future creative and incredibly accomplished work, and left his family and many friends and collectors saddened. His memory lives on in his paintings which continue to bring much joy to so many people.

With a history of commissioned work for corporate and private collectors, Art Fronckowiak brought a wide range of subject matters and painting styles to the contemporary canvas. His "first love" however, lay in the rich values of the traditional romantic landscape; all of his works reflect a special attention to the play of light and shadows across the canvas.

His canvases reflect that quiet timelessness translated through the modern medium of acrylic oils developed to museum quality standards.

Self-educated in his craft from his earliest years of childhood spent drawing on wallpaper scraps, art and painting were a primary focus of Fronckowiak's life even as he worked for a time in sales to support his family. This focus would eventually blossom into his fulltime career as his paintings captured the attention of collectors and critics with the recognition he so richly deserved. His nostalgic paintings speak to the disciplines of ages. and confirms his artistic appeal and enduring legacy.