



Rita Schwab Artist Biography

Rita Schwab was born in Heidelberg, Germany in 1952. Rita has always loved to paint and do things with her hands. She remembers painting since she was 5.

Graduated from High School in Heidelberg in 1971

Studied Art Education at the Heidelberg University

Immigrated to the United States through a Fulbright scholarship in 1973

Bachelor's of Fine Art from the University of South Florida in Tampa, FL in 1976

Moved to Tallahassee, FL; work-study program at Florida State University

Master's Degree in Fiber Arts from Florida State University, FL in 1980

Rita worked for various art organizations as an Assistant Art Director, educator and college adjunct, workshop leader, and private instructor to adults and children. Rita has been a self-employed studio artist since the 80s.

Today Rita's medium is fresco painting. A mixed media using primarily lime, her paintings are on wood using plasters to build texture. By inlaying natural components such as sands and soil, shells, rocks, pigments from roots and plants, she adds an organic feel to her work. She uses a variety of paints such as oils, acrylics and enamels to play with depth and surface design. Her paintings are all professionally finished with a variety of quality finishes.

Rita enjoys working in multiples. "I never work on just one painting; I do series work. I paint on several canvases simultaneously, which gives the 'body' of work consistency and continuity. I love to break up the canvas into diptychs, triptychs and multiples and juxtapose the images. My most challenging multiple creation was a 64 piece puzzle."

Rita shows her work locally, nationally and internationally in galleries and museums, at juried fine art shows and art cooperatives.

Rita resides in Englewood, FL after living in the Catskills, NY for 25 years.

Please find more about her work and her teaching schedule on her website **www.RitaSchwabFineArts.com** or contact Rita at earthelements01@gmail.com

She is also represented at the following online galleries

artavita.com/artists/9466-rita-schwab

opus40.org/events/gallery-opening-rita-schwab/

artwanted.com/artist.cfm?artid=48858

ulsterartistsonline.org/user/301

artfusionartists.com/artist-profile-2015.php?code=670&page=1

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