

# OUR ART OUR REGION OUR TIME

## *Quince & Berries*

24 x 16 inches

Oil

\$2,500



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### **Bio**

I am a self-taught artist who simply loves to paint. Period. I was born in Gary, IN, but raised in Sweet Home, AR. Throughout my childhood, I always dreamed of becoming a professional artist. However, life had a different plan. After graduating high school in 1983, I spent four years active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps. It wasn't until 2006, a few years after I moved to Northwest Arkansas that I began reacquainting myself with oil painting. I bought a bunch of art supplies, set up a studio in my garage, and just started painting. I stopped again soon after the birth of our youngest son in 2008 and picked back up in 2015 and have been painting ever since.

### **Artist Statement**

My goal as an artist is to create fine art that captures my viewers' attention and imagination. I attempt to interpret the essence of everyday objects, using light and its effect on that composition to keep the viewer's attention and interest. Consequently, the light and shadow become important parts of the composition. It is an exercise in observation and the subject matter is nature – whether a portrait, landscape, or still life. While I use a variety of materials, the medium for most of my work is oil (using a very limited pallet). While there may be some variation in my medium, the overall process and methodology remain consistent. The effect of that process and methodology produces work that is representational with a heavy dose of traditional realism.