

## Alex Alampi: An Artist, A Teacher, An Inspiration

Alex Alampi believes his calling is to record and preserve the everyday activities that make South Jersey a unique and intriguing place. His inspiration is those who make their living from the land and water. Alex, a watercolor master, uses a combination of beautiful transparent washes with clean color, strong composition, and crisp detail to create realistic and captivating paintings. Some of his most popular pieces include Dodge's Market (located in Elmer, NJ), Crossing the Herd (located in Aldine, NJ), Anticipation (featuring Paul M. Varnold, D.V.M.), and Snapper Trapper (located in Mannington Meadows).

A lifelong resident of South Jersey and an award-winning artist, Alex Alampi spends his time preserving the often-unnoticed heritage that surrounds us every day. With a remarkable eye for detail, Alex searches for fascinating people and landscapes, but he doesn't just sit back and observe the scenes from a distance. When working on a piece for his "Rural Heritage Collection," a series of paintings that depict ordinary people in their every day work environments, Alex spends the day studying the workers and snapping photographs of the day's events. Whether it is a crabber, a farmer, or a veterinarian, Alex captures every detail of the day's work, and he refuses to take any posed photographs. He wants the final piece to represent the authenticity of the job, the people, and the surroundings. Using the reference photographs, Alex creates realistic watercolor paintings that accurately portray the clothing, the tools, and the setting of each job. The people in the paintings are easily recognizable, and the minute details preserve a moment in time that will be remembered for generations.

While Alex feels a spiritual connection to his subjects and paints out of pure passion, he hopes to bring light to the people and areas in South Jersey that often go unnoticed. He wants to give the public a glimpse at the beauty and history that resides in the meadows, creeks, and fields they pass by every day

In addition to painting, Alex teaches a monthly art class at his beautiful studio located in Salem County. Surrounded by lush fields and charming wildlife, Alampi Art Studio is the perfect setting for artwork that depicts and preserves the rural heritage in South Jersey. Alex also participates in a variety of workshops and presentations.

Alex's work can be viewed on his website, [www.alexalampi.com](http://www.alexalampi.com), and in his studio, Alampi Art Studio, located in Pilesgrove, NJ. Artwork can be purchased at the studio, which is open daily. Stop in by chance or call 856-769-3666 to schedule an appointment.