

## THE ARTISTS

Philip V. Arabia is a graduate of Newark (NJ) School of Fine and Industrial Arts and Goddard College (VT). He has exhibited widely over a 6 state area in juried competitions and has pieces included in many private and corporate collections.

One-man shows were held at Princeton University, Jacksonville Museum, and the Escheverria Gallery.

Since 1969 he has operated Arabia's Art Gallery. He has taught beginner through advanced art to students ranging from elementary age (after-school enrichment classes) through Artist-In-Residence programs. At present he teaches in Spencer and St. Albans. Custom framing and stained glass instruction are also available at the studio.

In 1964 Philip founded the Willingboro (NJ) Art Alliance - an arts organization now celebrating its 50<sup>th</sup> year. He has served on the Boards of the WV Artists and Craftsmen's Guild and Poplar Forest. He enjoys holding art auctions as fundraisers for schools, civic organizations, and libraries - "bringing art to the community and the community to art."

Painting primarily in oils, Philip also enjoys pen and ink, watercolor, and collage. He paints every day and celebrates the beauty of our West Virginia landscapes in his work.

Margaret F. Arabia is a graduate of Manhattanville College (NY). She studied in MA with Eldon Rowland and Jerry Farnsworth NA, and especially enjoys portraiture of children and animals. She is the Art Teacher at St. Agnes School in Kanawha City, and also teaches privately at the Arabia's studio in Spencer.

Both Margaret and Philip enjoy a unique partnership based on their mutual appreciation of art.