

CULTURAL MOMENT

Cliff Smith

"Dancing", "Arthur Mural 2012"

After graduating from the Ontario College of Art and Design, Smith initially enjoyed working with the airbrush and became very accomplished winning several national awards for airbrush artwork. As his focus changed he turned to repeat design work and was employed by some of the largest International design studios. For nearly 3 decades Smith worked with design, colour and photo layout for names like John Willman, Malcolm Cooper, Disney, Sesame Street, Thomas Kinkaid and Ferrari to name a few.

Cliff Smith is now enjoying a new chapter in his life as he strikes out on a creative path of self discovery and awareness. Smith resides in Mount Forest and continues to produce his artistry and photographic work from under his own company, Cliff Photographic. Smith was recently selected to produce a mural in Arthur, honouring the community motto "Canada's Most Patriotic Village". The three-panel mural on the north side of the Sussmans building represents the First World War, with a British Flag, Billy Bishop war plane and poppies. The middle panel depicts local veteran John Walsh saluting a painted version of the war memorial in Ottawa with the Canadian Flag in the background. And the final panel features the mine-sweeping ship Walsh served on during World War II, as well as a female officer, tank, anti-aircraft gun and a Spitfire war plane. The mural is garnering much attention through its creation and now upon its completion.

To further view Cliff Smith's body of work, visit his website at

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