Currently the work is shown in 5 galleries:

dk Gallery, Marietta, GA. 2008 - Present

Shain Gallery, Charlotte, N.C. 2011 - Present

Karis Gallery, Hilton Head, N.C. 2012 - Present

HAS Gallery, Jacksonville, Fla. 2014

Previously an artist at the Dacia Gallery, New York, N.Y., 2010-2012

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Personal Note

During chemo treatment for a 2nd recurrence of non-Hodgkins Lymphoma in 2000, I began painting full time. Painting was always the guiding constant goal in my life, and now the opportunity to indulge my passion during the three months for treatment allowed me to embrace it fully. Using a leave of absence from my job as a graphics artist, my art therapy quickly became the passion of my life.

After the CR (complete remission) for the second time was achieved, I went back to my regular job. The oneness with the art, though, never left me. I embarked on a series of paintings, looking back at the automotive designs of my childhood. The huge Buicks, the big fins, all the outrageous cars were some of my earliest childhood memories. I wanted my kids to have a bit of something from me, a piece that meant something, the very best I could do. The paintings turned out just the way I envisioned them.

Today, I'm so thankful to be cancer free. To repeat an often used cliché, “Every day is a good day”.

I am now a full-time artist, again indulging myself with everything from still life's to low country landscapes.

Artist Statement

The nature of light fascinates and fills my work, particularly reflected light.

A realist by trade and training, the spectrum calls me to explore the abstract nature of light and form via a layered application of various media.

Automobiles were an early love, now several series including "A day in the life" explores our everyday interaction and relationship with daily objects, and a "Low Country" series about one of my favorite places in the world...the southern low country and beaches of South Carolina and Georgia

A new series is called “Beach” featuring a real world selection of people experiencing the shoreline. This series eluded me for why I pursued it with such a passion. Upon deep reflection, I realized it embodied a personal confrontation with recent family milestones in my life. The passing of my father, my mother’s needs, personal aging issues, all were things swirling in my creations. On the beach, we all have vivid memories of family interaction with each other, perhaps both good and bad. This series explores some of those thoughts. These pieces are all 4’ x 6’ in size.

Education

The Louisville Art School, Louisville Ky., 1967-1968

Norman Rockwell School, Fine Art Study, Westport, Conn., 1968-1970

Southern Technical Institute, Architectural Study, Marietta, GA., 1972-1975

University of Georgia, Landscape Architecture/Graphic Design/Fine Art, BFA, Athens GA., 1975-1979

Atlanta Art Institute, Visiting Professional Consultant, Atlanta, GA., 2011-Present

Professional Artist 1982-Present

Fine Art History

Golf Georgia Magazine, Cover Artist, 6 Quarterly Editions, Atlanta, GA. 1989 - 1990

Atlanta Artist Club, One Man Show, Galleria Mall, Smyrna, GA., 1994

Marietta Arts Council, Fall Art Show, Marietta, GA., 1995

Marietta Conference Center, Featured Artist, “Artists of Marietta”, Marietta, GA., April, 1996

Legacy Automobile Art Collection, Featured Artist, Chicago, Ill., 2003 - 2006

Decor Art International, Featured Artist, Atlanta, GA., 2003

Horsepower Fine Art, Featured Artist, Grand Blanc, MI., 2003-2011

Branson International Auto Auction, One Man Show “American Car”, Branson, MO., 2003

Ride Magazine “Automotive Art” “American Car” Featured Artist/ Interview, 2004

“My Classic Car”, Speed Channel Television CarArtInc., Featured Artist, 2005

“Car Crazy”, Speed Channel Television, CarArtInc., Featured Artist, 2005-2006

Autoweek Magazine, Editor Dutch Mandel Article “Automotive Art” Detroit, MI., October, 2004

CarArtInc., Featured and founding artist, Barrett Jackson Auction, Scottsdale, AZ., 2004-Present

Chateau Elan, One Man Show by Donald Panoz Chateau Elan Fine Art Gallery, Braselton, GA., April, 2005

“Horsepower Fine Art” Gallery, One Man Show “American Car”, Grand Blanc, MI., August, 2005

Heaven Blue Rose Gallery, Roswell, GA., Featured Artist, September, 2006 - 2008

"Oh My Goddard" Gallery, Perimeter Mall, Atlanta, GA. 2006-2007

Roswell Art Center, “American Car”, One Man Show, Roswell, GA., August, 2007

Carisma Gallery, Featured Artist, Buford, GA., 2007-2008

Rod Sherriff Gallery, Featured Artist, Marietta, GA., 2007-2008

Bobbe Gillis Gallery, Featured Artist, Midtown Atlanta, 2008-2010

Mason-Murer Gallery, Featured Artist, Atlanta, GA., 2008

dk Gallery, Featured Artist, Marietta, GA 2008-Present

Cobb Life Magazine, Featured Artist, Marietta, GA. 2009

Live interview
http://www.cobblifemagazine.com/detail/519.html?content_source=&category_id=&search_filter=david+wendel&event_mode=&event_ts_from=&list_type=&order_by=&order_sort=&content_class=&sub_type=&town_id=&page=

Dacia Gallery, Featured Artist, New York, N.Y. 2010 Representation 2011-2013

dk Gallery, Featured Artist, Marietta, GA. 2012

Karis Art Gallery, Featured Artist, Hilton Head, S.C. 2012-present

Shain Gallery, Featured Artist, Charlotte, N.C. 2012-present

Emmy Award winner Alan Stecker shot video featuring my work http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n4w21k0guHU 2013

Karis Art Gallery, One Man Show, Hilton Head, S.C. 2012

Shain Art Gallery, One Man Show, Charlotte, S.C. 2012

Mason Murer Gallery, Bombay Sapphire International Art Competition, Finalists, Atlanta, GA. 2012

BOA Gallery, Automobilart Art Show, Los Angeles, CA. 2012

CNN, Featured Artist, Los Angeles Automobile Art Show, Los Angeles, CA. 2012

Automobilart, Gallery Auction, Sold Out Show, San Francisco, CA. 2012

HGTV's "Elbow Room" featured artist, Los Angeles, CA. 2013

Gallery 203, Montreal Gran Prix Automobilart Show, Montreal, Canada, 2013

Jacksonville Energy Center, featured Artist Presentation, Jacksonville, Fla., 2013

Loretta Goodwin Gallery, featured artist, Birmingham, Ala., 2013-2014

Metro Montage, Cobb-Marietta Museum of Art, featured artist, Marietta, GA. 2014

Bombay Sapphire Road to Miami Basel, Semi Finalist, Mason Murer, Atlanta, GA. 2014

“Best Artist of Cobb County”, Cobb Life, 10 Year Anniversary Issue, Marietta, GA. , November, 2014

Featured Artist of the Month, Artists and Art Galleries of the South, Birmingham, AL., December, 2014

Selected Collections

General Motors Art Collection, Renaissance Center, Detroit, MI.

Delta Air Lines, Atlanta, GA

Wells Fargo Bank, Charlotte, NC

Jay Leno Collection, Burbank, CA

Reggie Jackson Collection, Los Angeles, CA

Tim Allen Collection, Los Angeles, CA

Various and multiple private collections throughout the world

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