



Mark R Hammond

The artist lived and worked in Scotland since 1972. He was brought up in countryside and it influenced in his paintings.

Mark was born in Ipswich in Suffolk, England in 1961. He was the second youngest of seven children whose father was a farm labourer. Mark was brought up having a natural love for the countryside and all it contains including the wildlife and the ever changing seasons within a peaceful setting. He lived 30 miles from the area that John Constable was born and painted so many well known and loved artworks such as the 'The Haywain'. This of course was a great source of inspiration for Mark.

At the age of 11 he moved with his parents and 3 brothers to Aberdeen Scotland, his parents were searching for a different lifestyle moving away from the hard work of farming. Mark attended Aberdeen Grammar School until the age of 16 and moved into a retail environment. During his time at school he had always enjoyed arts and crafts and soon learnt to use different mediums to create paintings in differing textures and colours. At an early age Mark had been presented with prizes and awards at school for his drawings and paintings, not knowing that in future years he would have exhibitions and have an opportunity to sell his work.

Mark has annually exhibited his work in Aberdeenshire and has sold his work at craft fairs and at many other events. He has also carried out commissioned paintings locally in Scotland and have also shipped a painting to London. Six paintings of butterflies were specifically commissioned and shipped to Australia. Marks inspiration comes from the country side, and he finds that Scotland being a lovely country for wonderful scenery from the mountains to the the coastline of golden sands and rugged cliffs is a perfect location for him to paint.