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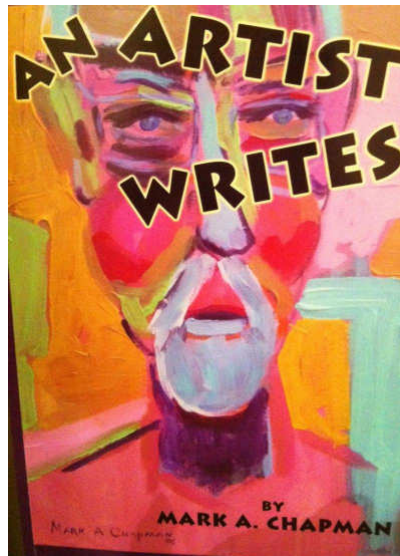
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**ARTIST/POET/ENTREPRENEUR MARK CHAPMAN EMBRACES  
FAYETTEVILLE'S ARTS FOR RURAL TEXAS WITH RENOWNED  
WORKS JULY 27 – AUGUST 20**



*SELF-PORTRAIT*

Businessman, military veteran, oil man, real estate mogul, senior Olympian, artist, and now prose and poet are just some of the words that describe renowned Mark A. Chapman, whose works “A Poet Paints” will be on display at the Arts for Rural Texas Ross Gallery in Fayetteville from July 27<sup>th</sup> to August 20<sup>th</sup>. Chapman, whose life-long hobby has been the search of adventure will also grace the Ross Gallery with “An Artist Writes” book reading August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm.

“I was raised on a farm in Kansas where I lived the life of Huckleberry Finn by the Republican River” with athletics and fishing my passion,” states Chapman. He jokingly reports that in 2001, once his endeavor to paint the floor in his barn

bathroom was complete, he switched from concrete to canvas to save his knees and make it easier to move the paintings.

Non-representational and abstract are his specialties with modernism leading his accomplishments. He has funded the Mark A Chapman Gallery at Kansas State University where he attended. He also obtained a degree in History and Law at the University of Texas. Today he paints landscapes, portraits, and figures to hone his perspective and render skills—his Quirk “e” art gives a “nod” to Picasso and Dali.

For more information on the exhibit of “A Poet Paints” from July 27 – August 20 or “An Artist Writes” book reading on August 6 at the Arts for Rural Texas, call 979-378-2113 or go to [www.ArtsforRuralTexas.org](http://www.ArtsforRuralTexas.org). Fayetteville is located off Highway 159 from La Grange and zip code 78940 for GPS.

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