

## **Tom Howard, Artist Statement, September 2025**

*Visual Art is almost all I know, professionally speaking that is. I feel fortunate that I have been able to work as an artist, as well as a teacher. I often looked at teachers in high school and junior high and walked away thinking, not for me. I tip my hat to those who teach at that level. College seemed to be my venue, and it has been a very fulfilling experience.*

*The land and all of nature is my love, so I have made it my muse. Other subjects occasionally make their way into my artistic oeuvre, but it is quickly brought back to the landscape for me. What more can I say? I love the land, and I hope to bring you to a place where you appreciate it more as well.*

*“ . . . within these plantations of God, a decorum and sanctity reign. In the Woods (Wilderness) we return to reason and faith.”*

*Walt Whitman*

### **Education**

University of Utah, 1982 through 1984

Bachelor of Fine Art- painting and drawing emphasis

Brigham Young University, 1993 through 1995

Master of Fine Art- painting and drawing emphasis

### **Teaching**

Salt Lake Community College – drawing, watercolor, design

Utah Valley University – drawing, watercolor

Brigham Young University, Idaho – drawing

Invited Workshops throughout Utah

Lectures and Presentations throughout Utah

### **Organizations**

Utah Watercolor Society

Plein Air Painters of Utah

### **Select Exhibitions and Awards**

2025 Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, Midway, UT, **3<sup>rd</sup> Place Purchase Award**

2024 Spring City, UT, Plein Air Competition, **Award of Merit**

2023 Plein Air Painters of Utah – Highway 89 Traveling Show

2023 Phillips Gallery, one-person exhibit, Dibble Gallery

2023 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **Honorable Mention**

2022 Utah Watercolor Society Fall 2022 Show, **Best of Show Award**

2022 Phillips Gallery, two-person exhibit with Megan Gibbons

2019 Phillips Gallery, one-person watercolor exhibit, Dibble Gallery

2018 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **Spring City Mayors Award**

2018 Phillips Gallery, two-person exhibit with Simone Simonian  
 2017 Signature/Two Star exhibition, Utah Watercolor Society  
 2016 Small Works exhibition, Utah Watercolor Society Award of Merit  
 2015 Phillips Gallery, two-person exhibit with Gerald Purdy  
 2015 Utah Watercolor Society Fall Show, **Past President's Award**  
 2015 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **Award of Merit**  
 2014 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **Award of Merit**  
 2014 Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, **Third Place, Studio Division**  
 2014 Utah Watercolor Society Small Works Show, **Jurors Award**  
 2014 Utah Watercolor Society Spring Show, **Jurors Award**

2013 Salt Lake Community College President's Art Show, SLC, UT  
 2013 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition  
 2013 Utah Watercolor Society Fall Show, **Award of Merit**  
 2013 Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, **Third Place, Studio Division**  
 2013 Holladay Plein Air Exhibition, **Third Place**  
 2013 Phillips Gallery, two-person exhibit with Kathy Peterson  
 2013 Utah Watercolor Society Spring Show, **Award of Excellence**

2012 Wasatch Plein Air Competition, Heber, UT, **Award of Merit--Studio Art**  
 2012 Holladay Plein Air Competition, Holladay, UT, **Third Place**

2011 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **Second Place**  
 2011 Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, Heber, UT

2010 Spring City, UT Plein Air Competition, **First Place**  
 2010 Phillips Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT, One Person show  
 2010 Springville Museum of Art "National Spring Salon"  
 2010 12th Black & White Statewide Competition, Eccles Community Art Center, Ogden, UT

2009 "Traces of the West," Ogden, UT  
 2009 Paint the Parks, "Celebrating America's National Parks"

2008 Eccles Community Art Center, Ogden, UT, One Person Show  
 2008 Phillips Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT, One Person Show  
 2008 Springville Museum of Art "National Spring Salon"

2007 Wasatch Plein Air Paradise, Heber, UT, **Award of Merit**  
 2007 Salt Lake Community College President's Art Show, SLC, UT, **President's Choice**  
**Award and Purchase Award**  
 2006 Phillips Gallery, Salt Lake City, UT, Two-Person Show