Artist Spotlight Ben Mann

Vibrant and Whimsical Paintings



Ben Mann remembers one of his first artistic projects – his mother asked him to make place cards for the Thanksgiving table. It was then he realized art could have a practical application. The youngest of seven children, Mann's father recognized his son's creative spark at an early age. He told him if he could figure out a way to make a living in art – go for it. Mann has done just that. For over 30 years he's combined his love of painting with a business sensibility.

After studying commercial art and illustration in college, he remained in San Francisco for 12 years before feeling the pull back to Washington. Ben Mann moved to Skagit County and opened an art studio in Fairhaven 15 years ago.

Ben became an elementary school art specialist and he finds inspiration in his student's unbridled enthusiasm and pure creativity. So it's no surprise that Mann has self-published two children's books that showcase his whimsical illustrations.
"I probably identify more with Dr. Seuss than any other artists."

Two of his longtime clients are La Conner Brewery and Skagit Valley Hospital. Mann loves the diversity in his craft – one week you may find him designing a wine label and the next he's painting fine art for exhibit in a local cafe.

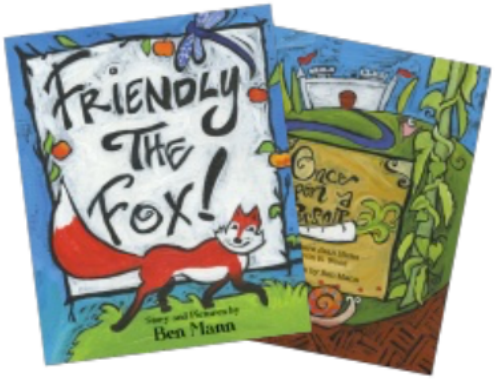
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Books by Ben

Local artist Ben Mann has added author and illustrator to his creative repertoire.



He was thrilled when author Barbara Jean Hicks asked him to collaborate on Once Upon a Parsnip, an exciting tale featuring Little Red and Mr. Wolf.

> **Mann had "such a blast" on this project that he recently penned and illustrated his own children's book, Friendly the Fox!**

This sweet story shows how we can be kind to everyone, despite our differences. Both of these books are available for purchase online at www.MascotBooks.com, at Village Books and the Ben Mann Art Studio.