Ralph Strong Bio

I was always interested in art until high school. In college I took two art classes, but after landing a serious engineering job, there was no time for painting. For seven years I found myself self-employed and married in 1980. Soon I found work again in engineering, designing with ink and Mylar until computer aided drafting replaced hand effort.

After twenty-three years, my wife and I were able to retire to Groveland, California. Here we found painting classes taught by Jim Leitzell, a retired Sacramento State art instructor. My wife and I took classes from Jim for five years, my interest mostly in acrylic and my wife's in watercolor.

We have shown our art at the Groveland library, the Ironstone Spring Obsession Art Competition and the Aloft Gallery as well as the Vantana Gallery in Sonora, California. We were members of the Sierra Professional Artists in Groveland and the Mother Lode Art Association in Sonora until relocating to Vacaville last year. We are currently members of Arts Benicia.