



## **Gordon Pond (1920-2001)**

Gordon Pond was well known for his traditional work in oil, which depicted Hopi and Navajo subjects as well as Southwestern landscapes and western subjects. He was born on June 16, 1920 in Santa Ana, California. His art education included training at the Art Center School and Chouinard Art Institute. He received a BA from Pepperdine University and a MA in art education from California State University at Long Beach.

Gordon Pond served in the United States Marine Corps and the Merchant Marine during World War II. He taught at the college level for 22 years, where during that time, he published two textbooks and multiple magazine articles. Other interests included gun collecting and archeology where he participated in many archaeological digs.

In 1975, he retired to Arizona and focused on his painting. His work appeared in many Arizona galleries including, American Indian and Western Art Gallery in Sedona, Anasazi Gallery in Flagstaff, Sun West Gallery in Prescott, and Kearns Canyon Arts and Crafts in Kearns Canyon. He won Second Place in the prestigious George Phippen Show in 1984 for his work, Prescott Station. His work appeared on the covers of such magazines as "True West", "Old West", and as illustrations in "Western Horseman".

He moved to North Carolina for a brief time in 1987, but returned to Arizona, the place he regarded as his real home until his death at home at age 81 in June 2001.

His work has been purchased in Arizona by Valley National Bank of Arizona and the United States Postal Service, both of Phoenix, and the Petrified Forest National Park; and in Chicago by the Santa Fe Railroad Western Art Collection.

His work appears in limited edition prints and in books such as "American Artists of Renown" 1981-82 (Wilson Publishing Company, Gilmer, Texas Copyright 1981), "Contemporary Western Artists" (Peggy & Harold Samuels, Southwest Art Publishing, copyright 1982), "Southwest Art" (Art Magazine Publishers, Inc., August 1979 Volume 9 Number 3), "Artists of Arizona" (Volume 1 Mountain Productions of Texas, Inc. copyright 1987), "Artists of the Carolinas" (Volume 1 Mountain Productions of Texas, Inc. Copyright 1990).

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