



# Dave Beckett

One of Dave Beckett's earliest memories of painting was when he was just eight years old, perched on a dock by Lake Couchiching, Ontario and attempting a landscape painting. Encouraged by his parents and grandfather (who gave him his first box of pastels and art instruction books) his artistic flare began to immerge and his talent developed into a passion.

After a successful 25-year career in advertising sales and marketing, Dave decided to immerse himself in his true passion – art. He traded in his briefcase for an easel and box of pastels... a decision he has never regretted.

At his home/studio and gallery near Orillia, Dave exhibits his work and conducts workshops. Numerous one-person exhibits have given him international recognition and his award winning paintings and fine art prints are in government, corporate and private collections in North America, the United Kingdom, Australia, New Zealand and Japan. As well, his works have been featured in major art books and galleries in Canada and abroad.

Dave's painting, *Coffee Time*, was selected to join Ducks Unlimited Canada's 2008 National Art Portfolio. This limited edition series is only available through Ducks Unlimited Canada fundraising initiatives. The money raised through this program supports Ducks Unlimited Canada's on-the-ground wetland conservation work, scientific research and education programs..



## The Inspiration for *Coffee Time*

I have always enjoyed the medium of pastel... it is instant and I am in touch with the medium physically, unlike oils or watercolours where a brush is normally employed. Colour can be laid down quickly and it works for me.

My life experiences have shaped my world of art. My own need for peace and tranquility is reflected in my paintings. If I have projected a certain mood in my paintings that makes a viewer feel good, stirs emotion and leads them to recognize the beauty that surround us, then I have succeeded. Communicating is what my art is about.

