

# Morgan Raines



“Some Are Lillies”

## Artist Statement:



**“Dusk”**



**“Floral Tapestry”**

Morgan has shown his artwork continuously over his fifty year career, gaining recognition through art shows and sales. Themes from nature continue to be the primary subjects of his paintings. He believes nature cannot be improved upon, only depicted artistically in his own style.

Painting compositions of everything from animals to classic nudes, flowers to cars, Raines found his artistic excitement in a painting style called “Sgraffito.” A 14th century technique used mostly in architectural facades and pottery, he adapted it to acrylic painting on canvas. He layers 20-plus coats of different color paint on the canvas, each one drying before the next is added. Once built up, he uses various tools to scrape down to the color needed in each area of the composition. These multiple acrylic layers of various hues produce exceedingly multi-colored images with tactile, as well as visual textures.



**“Iris”**

**Morgan Raines** was born and raised in Jacksonville, Florida where he started drawing and painting at age eight. After college graduation, Morgan's business career took him to several locations in the United States where he followed his love of art through painting in his spare time.

Then in 1992, he and his wife Kristy embarked on a dream of owning their own business and pursuing his life-long love of art using themes from nature. They raised cattle on their farm in the Missouri Ozarks and he continued to paint using many of the animals and much of the natural, local beauty as his subjects. While there, they founded Double-R-Prints, a graphic arts company that used many of his original images on consumer products and business logos.

Returning to Illinois in 1998, Morgan opened the Raines Art Gallery and Studio on Center St., in downtown Bloomington, showing and selling several local artists' work. This year, 2011, Morgan is returning to his "Florida roots", retiring to live in Ft. Myers and continuing to pursue his life-long love of art using themes from nature.



**“Signs of Spring”**





**“Adversity”**



**“Perseverance”**



**“Kneeling Nude”**



**“Mother’s Day”**



**“Sanibel Blue”**



**“Count Your Blessings”**

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