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2022 Tulip Festival Poster Artist announced

MOUNT VERNON – Jack Gunter, a self-taught artist, author and filmmaker from Camano Island, is the featured artist for the 2022 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival. His artwork will grace the Tulip Festival’s 2022 poster and merchandise.

“I’ve written and published books, made films, and painted thousands of images, but it took becoming the Tulip Festival poster artist to really impress my girlfriend,” noted Gunter recently.

Gunter paints using egg tempera which gives his images depth and vibrancy. His featured image captures the beauty visitors come to celebrate each year -- tulips beckon with stem, leaves and blossoms to come and enjoy!

“Jack’s work caught my eye during an auction by the Schack Art Center in Everett,” noted festival Executive Director Cindy Verge. “When we contacted Jack, he jumped in with enthusiasm and created an iconic image for our 2022 featured artwork.”

Becoming an artist was a long journey for Gunter – his degree in biology from Bowdoin College and graduate training in organic chemistry led him to teach junior high school science in Massachusetts. Eventually he progressed to teaching painting and, in the process, discovered he had talent. A fire in 1979 destroyed Gunter’s paintings and studio and prompted his move to Camano Island where he lives and paints today.

More about Gunter’s story, artwork, antiques, and books can be found on his website, jackgunterart.com.

Kevin Hartman of Westar Solutions will work with Gunter to transform his artwork into the Tulip Festival poster. Hartman will also design other Tulip Festival Official Merchandise, including mugs, magnets, and coasters.

The 2022 poster and merchandise will be unveiled on Nov. 9 during the Unveiling Ceremony, sponsored by Heritage Bank. The event is scheduled to be in-person at Skagit Acres.

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