

Wayne Henrikson



I was born in Minneapolis and grew up in Lindstrom on Newel Ave as it was called then. Went to Chi-Hi for Grade School and High School. After High School came four years and a BA degree from Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter, MN. The October after graduation I drove to New York with a college friend, got on a Norwegian passenger ship and sailed to Scandinavia. I lived in Stockholm for a year and Northern Germany. Was inducted into the Army (draft) for two years. I was sent back to Germany after training in Ft. Sill, Oklahoma. I could easily have ended up in Viet Nam but thankfully didn't.

I stayed in Europe after being released from the Army for another year. I tramped around having a great time, much to the annoyance of my parents. When finally back in Minneapolis I got a job with a Catalog Co. working as a keyliner, something what with computer technology has ceased to exist. I never taught, as I thought one day I would (Art), but did find a job at the Walker Art Center. I was there for nine years. After a few years working for a small, strange publishing company in Minneapolis (we stood on the roof of our building and watched the Metrodome inflate). I went to New York to study decorative painting. Faux Finishing was just then catching on and through word of mouth and good luck I have been working for myself ever since. I haven't moved around much being in the same house now or thirty some years!

I have had some wonderful times traveling here and there, seeing friends and relatives in Sweden and Denmark. Trips several times to Greece and Turkey with stops in Germany, with friends from Taylors Falls. I am glad I traveled as much as I did when I was young, as it seems to get harder (and more expensive) the older you get.

There has been no wife and therefore no children or grandchildren to tell stories about. I am happy my sisters have kids and wonderful grandchildren for me to watch and vicariously enjoy as they grow up. Any further questions about my life can wait for our class reunion!