

WaterColor artist paints newspaper box

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Although Aaron Sutton has been painting for more than a decade, he'd never painted a piece quite like this one — a Walton Sun newspaper box. And while he admits that it took a long time to complete, including “a lot of staring at it,” he said the finished product will be a great addition to WaterColor.

“When I started painting the box, I really wanted to represent what this area has,” Sutton said. “WaterColor is very encouraging and supportive of local artists, and I’ve made a lot of great memories here with my family. I think my best paintings are inspired by things I experience — mostly with my family.”

Sutton moved here with his wife Emily, now accompanied by 2-year old son Noah, for an “adventure,” seeing a lot of potential in the small, artsy town of Watercolor.



“WaterColor is a growing art area,” he said. “It has great opportunities to really grow as an artist. And it’s not too big, so you have room to grow and still be appreciated.”

And for Sutton, creating colorful works of art is an amazing opportunity in itself — as he was born colorblind.

“My eyes cannot register blue-violet or red-green,” he said. “I paint a lot by memorization, remembering which colors to mix together or blend. But mostly I have to go by my feeling — how the color feels.”

Sutton has not let being colorblind hold him back, choosing to see it as an advantage rather than a setback.

“I give credit to God,” he said. “It’s like the bible verse, ‘my strength is made perfect in weakness.’ It’s only made me better at my craft.”

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