NOVEMBER 2011—ARTIST OF THE MONTH—ROGER SHERMAN

I was born in Iron Mountain, a small town in the upper peninsula of Michigan. I spent my formative years in Dearborn Michigan where we saw Henry Ford at many celebration also driving his quadracycle for pleasure on our neighborhood streets.

I left the exhibit company moved a drawing board in to our bedroom and started free lancing . Fortunately that move turned out well. It eventually evoled into an architectural design firm that furnished design and working drawings for shopping centers,stores,hotels,restaurants and special events. The company did projects in various states including Florida.

After graduating high school I worked at the Ford assembly plant . Around that same time I married Susan ,a beautiful stylish girl who I had met art class .

My wife Susan worked with me at the company and after some years we sold the company and retired. We moved from Michigan to our vacation condo in Ft. Myers.

I went into service for two years. Upon returning from service I again worked at the Ford plant and eventually transferred to Ford styling .During my working there I attended evening Classes at Wayne State University and obtained a bachelors degree and we started our family . During one of the many automotive down turns I was laid off , it was a liberating event as I did not care for corporate world .

We liked the area and had enjoyed using the condo to vacation for many years but soon discovered that we did not care for long term condo living. We looked around for a new place to settle .Susan and I both enjoy gardening so the landscaping at the Villages won us over. we settled in a courtyard villa with a two car "studio" .

I then was employed as a designer at a commercial display company that designed and fabricated displays for auto shows, worlds fairs , special events and trade shows. I worked there for ten years eventually becoming design director.

We now enjoy gardening in the privacy of the courtyard and I paint daily in the studio .I enter my paintings in various venues and competitions to challenge and improve my art. We enjoy the art activities and art clubs that the Villages offer and I am greatly honored to be chosen painter of the month.