

## Artist of the Month—Robert Rivkin



I am a self-taught realistic artist. I like to work in different mediums. I enjoy painting and sculpting, and occasionally making my own frames.



Growing up we were poor. At the age of seven, I began drawing pictures on the backs of paper grocery bags my Mother gave me. After high school I joined the Navy. I painted murals of military scenes in the Hangar bay of the U.S.S. Independence CVA 62. One day Grace Kelly and Prince Rainier toured the ship. After seeing

my murals, they asked to meet the Artist. As an Artist in the United States Navy, I was sent to several military bases in Europe to paint murals.

After I left the Navy, I continued painting and sculpting. I've shown my work in galleries, museums, colleges, banks, and private homes in New York City, the Hamptons in Long Island and Florida. I love thinking up new

and different ideas for future projects. Several of my designs are in the Library of Congress.

