

Artist of the Month—Paul Kleinkopf



Paul Kleinkopf is a self-taught painter using his talent to paint “Fabulous Fakes”! He was featured in the “Village Neighbors” magazine in May 2023. (Written by Denise Lasley and used here.)

Paul has accomplished a lot in his life, and he has the newspaper articles and a wall full of certificates, awards, affidavits and a “Who’s Who In The World” listing to show for it. He had the honor of being the *President of the Board of Education* in Saddle Brook, NJ; was appointed by the Chief Counsel of NJ to sit on the *NJ Supreme Court Fee Arbitration Committee*; and was appointed by the Governor to the *Business*

Affairs Ethics Committee—just some of his accomplishments!

Born in Passaic, NJ in 1931, he served in the military in the Korean conflict, then earned his Bachelor of Science degree and a Master of Business Administration, both from *Fairleigh Dickinson University*.

He had access to lots of fine art museums, and during the time in his life when he was recently divorced and not sleeping well,



he picked up an art book and started browsing through it. He had never painted before, but as he studied photos of works by the great masters, he thought “*I can do that...and maybe even do it better.*”

He bought some oil paints and an easel, poured through his art books and copied paintings of master artists. Today he has 125+ paintings hanging on the walls of his Villages home. Each painting is numbered and corresponds to an inventory list, naming the artist and the title of the painting—artists like Monet, Renoir, Michelangelo, van Gogh, etc.

