

# W.J. Cunningham

## Artist Statement

“Painting is primarily an emotional expression. Subject matter and mediums used are secondary. What I am feeling at the time I am painting influence the colors, shapes and brushstrokes I use. The compositions develop on the canvas as I paint.”

WJ Cunningham graduated from John Herron School of Art in Indianapolis and began teaching Art in the Public School there. He moved to Polk County, North Carolina teaching Art for an NEA Grant.

His love of painting has led to shows in San Francisco, Atlanta, Birmingham, Nashville, and New York City.

He is currently retired and living in Burnsville where he continues to paint.

His work can be seen on his web site [wncartisanscollective.com](http://wncartisanscollective.com).

## Currently Showing:

- York and Friends Fine Art Gallery, Nashville, Tennessee
- Market Central, Memphis, Tennessee

## Awards:

- Best of Show - TRAC Fall Juried Show 2015
- Best of Show - National Arts Program Vanderbilt University 2009
- First Place Professional Division - National Arts Program Vanderbilt University 2011
- Third Place Professional Division - Kendall-Jackson Wine Center Tomato Festival 1998
- Honorable Mention Professional Division - Kendall-Jackson Wine Center Tomato Festival 1999