

Dennis King Farmer and Watercolor Painter

Growing up on his grandfather's small country property with chickens and an organic vegetable garden instilled in him a respect for the land and animals. He attended Iowa State University and graduated from the University of Maryland.

Dennis retired from the Central Intelligence Agency after 38 years. His work took him to Asia, South America, Africa and the Middle East.

Always wanting to farm and care for live-stock drew him to Rappahannock County where he and his wife now have a small farm raising chickens, sheep, Nubian milk goats, ducks, and turkeys.

When Dennis turned 74 (that was 6 long years ago), a long time interest in watercolor painting pushed him to under the watchful eye of a well-known British artist. All his study was done online and he spent over 700 hours with his teacher.

Dennis paints almost every day and spends the afternoons caring for his farm. During the past 6 years, he's been teaching watercolor class here in the County. He hopes to continue that passion in the future. Portraits, landscapes, farm scenes, farm animals, and dogs are subjects he enjoys painting.