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Stokely Webster

1912 - 2001

“STOKELY WEBSTER AND HIS PARIS,
NEW YORK, LONDON, AND VENICE”

June 30 – July 26, 2008

Reception: Friday, July 11; 6:30-8:30 PM

Stokely Webster was born in Evanston Illinois in 1912. His family spent a year and a half in France where he went to school in Paris and Switzerland. He saw Monet painting in his garden in Giverny. He later viewed Monet's paintings in the Luxembourg Palace. He decided at that time to become a painter. He studied with Lawton Parker, a friend of his parents, who had a studio in Paris. Parker taught Stokely the century old traditions of painting, generally accepted until World War II. David McCullough, the Pulitzer prize-winning historian, wrote in 2000: “There is a wonderful distinctive charm in the works of Stokely Webster, a quality comprised of affection for the world and a great understanding of light and value. The paintings, so seemingly simple at first glance, are each quiet revelations and a welcome confirmation that continuity in art is not only possible in a harsh discordant time, but immensely gratifying. What a joy it is to look at the lifework of a man who knows exactly what he is about and so clearly loves life.”

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