



Art Gallery

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William Pardue

"An Artist Looks at Shakespeare"

March 2006

Reception: **Sunday March 5, 2:00-4:00 PM**

About the Artist

William Pardue returns to the Art Gallery at Huntington Public Library with a strong new visual focus. This time he shares his interpretations of the plays of William Shakespeare, which have deeply inspired him.

At the age of nine, Pardue discovered he could draw, and that sealed his ambition to be an illustrator. He looked forward every week to the Saturday Evening Post to see the Norman Rockwell covers, and the work of the great marine painter, Anton Fischer, who illustrated Tugboat Annie and the sea battles of the Horatio Hornblower series.

He intended to go to New York City to study at the Art Student's League, but a stint with an amateur theatre group redirected him into what became a long career as a professional actor and director. Occasional forays into set design kept his hand in the visual arts. Older Long Islanders will remember his work with the PAF Playhouse.

Ten years ago, Pardue left the theatre and returned to his first love – painting. He has exhibited widely across Long Island and in New York City, and has works in collections around the world. He is also well-known on Long Island for his column "About Art" which appears in The Connection Magazine.