

## **Steve Griggs**

Although I occasionally dabble in other media, watercolor is my artistic first love. I have always been drawn to watercolor painting; I appreciate the unique flow of paint, the melting color, the way light takes shape and comes alive on the paper. Watercolors are a bit free spirited. As an artist I have had to learn that I will never master the paint, but rather I will work with it. I have learned several life lessons from watercolor painting, such as acceptance and perseverance, letting go and pushing through, and how to be freer.

My earliest influences and inspirations came from the Great Lakes region where I grew up. Throughout my lifetime I have been enamored of boats. Sailing vessels, lake freighters, military frigates; any type of boat has captured my imagination. Although I have resided in Colorado for many years, my paintings often reflect my love of the Great Lakes, fostered by frequent trips to my hometown near Detroit, Northern Michigan, and Wisconsin.