

Art Gallery at Melange Premier Exhibit—Nov. 15-Dec. 24, 2018

250 E. Park Avenue, Historic Downtown Lake Wales

Tom Freeman & Marcia Pennington

Artists' Reception
Open to the Public
5-9 p.m. Thursday
November 15, 2018
Tale of Ichabod at 5:45



Thomas Ancil Freeman is a renowned versatile American artist specializing in Florida landscapes and wildlife scenes using oils, acrylics, and watercolors. During his 70-year career in art, **Tom** has produced over 1,800 landscape paintings and portraits, as well as over 25 murals. **Tom's** interest in art began at age 18 when he was drafted into the Navy and was stationed aboard the USS *Abercrombie*, a destroyer in the Pacific during WWII.

In 1947 he studied commercial art at Florida State University in Tallahassee. Later he completed his Bachelor of Fine Arts at Florida Southern College in Lakeland. He received Master Degrees in Art Education and in Administration and Supervision from Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton.

Tom has engendered this appreciation of the extraordinary beauty of Florida flora, fauna, and natural habitats in his students and patrons throughout the years. He is a founding member of SAHA, the Southern Association of Habitat Artists.

Into his 90s **Tom** has lost none of his enthusiasm for his art. He continues to paint and accept commissions. He is particularly proud of the Tom Freeman Gallery adorning the hallways and offices of the newly built Darby Building at Warner University in Polk County, Florida.

**"Art is not a matter of life or death,
it's more important than that." - TOM FREEMAN**



Marcia Pennington graduated from the Rhode Island School of Design. She majored in Art Education and taught art in Miami-Dade County for 15 years. She was an Art Supervisor over 60 schools in Miami-Dade County for 10 years. **Marcia** also served as an Assistant Principal, then Principal of a fine arts magnet school for 10 years.

Marcia retired to Lake Wales in 2007 and lives on historic Tiger Creek and Lake Walk-in-Water. Her close friend, Tom Freeman, re-ignited her love for painting, and in addition to her own work, she has assisted Tom with painting large wall murals. **Marcia** dabbles in all art forms, but is currently concentrating on acrylic painting.

