

Michael Seipp

Screen Painter

Bio

I am a Baltimorean, born and raised. I grew up in the Belair Edison neighborhood and went to Roman Catholic Schools. My Great Uncle and Grandfather had a seafood business in Highlandtown on Eastern Ave. When I was a boy, I would ride my bike through the streets of east and southeast Baltimore to their shop and to play in Patterson Park. When cycling through the streets I always marveled at the outdoor art galleries created by the Baltimore painted screens.

Many years later I met the City Folklorist, Elaine Eff, and she renewed my interest in this uniquely Baltimore Art.

In 2014 I took a class in painted screens at Common Ground on the Hill from Master Screen Painter John Lampieri. From that day forward I have been hooked on helping in the resurgence of painted screens in my City.

Through the Painted Screen Society of Baltimore, I have had the pleasure of getting to know the other Screen Painters and learning from them.

My work can be seen both in southeast, north and southwest Baltimore. I have had several exhibits and teach the occasional class in and around Baltimore. I was invited to exhibit and demonstrate my work at the National Conference of Folk Art.

My goal is to leave no neighborhood unadorned with a painted screen.

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