Herb Eaton is an artist born and raised in Peoria, Illinois who has lived and created art in Bloomington for the last 50 + years. He is a guy who likes to make things, usually utilitarian things. His paintings, sculpture and drawings reflect the scenes, stages and music that are emotionally important to him and near to him...Corn, the Mackinaw River Valley, Route 66, He & She Relationships, Circus, Music. He creates and designs for himself, family, friends, and community.

His family and friends sometimes refer to him as a "Sophisticated Hick", (corn bred, corn fed, educated in corn country and sometimes possessed by the corn spirits). His fascination and appreciation of the area's cornfields have made it easy for him to give personalities and characters to his corn designs for his cards and prints. Herb's whimsical designs are intended to bring a smile to visitors and patrons near and far who want to share in the corn humor.

Herb's carpentry skills, art background and creativity have led him to many innovative assignments and commissions: Senior Exhibition Technician to install African and Native American artifacts at Hampton University Museum in Virginia; educational hands-on designs and exhibits for local and out of state children's museums, and private-public sculptures for buildings, facades and archways.

His Corn, Circus, Route 66, Music, and He & She paintings and sculpture are reflections and memories of the place where his family chooses to live and own an art gallery. He and his family thank you for your interest and support of local art. Sales of Herb's art and designs help fund the restoration and upkeep of his 1902 brick studio/gallery building on Old Route 66 in Historic Downtown Bloomington, II.

Born 1949 in Peoria, IL. 1984 MFA sculpture and drawing Illinois State University, 1974 BS ISU, 1970 AA in Music and Theater Illinois Central College, 1967 Spalding Institute. Carpenter, instructor, museum designer, preparator, toy designer and manufacturer, musician, co-founder of the Children's Discovery Museum. Art work in public collections of Chugai-Upjohn Corporations, Funk Farms, Sun Capital, the State of Illinois, St. Joseph's Hospital, BroMenn Regional Medical Center, Uptown Station, Westminster Village, Wesley United Methodist Church, City Hall Asahikawa, Japan and private collections locally and abroad.

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