

## Isaac Knight

### Florida Highwaymen Artist

Isaac Knight is a family man with a great sense of humor. He began his journey as a Highwayman by selling other artists' work. He started painting when he realized he could make more money by selling his own paintings. Painting and selling was a second job for Isaac so he worked at it on weekends and during the evenings. He's a quick learner and a hard worker because he says, "I had to be." He's now happy to spent time enjoying the creative process and sharing his love of painting with others, especially his granddaughter Desirae.

Isaac is his own harshest critic. Asked how his paintings compare to the other Highwaymen, he claims, "I still don't think I'm as good as the others." He never dreamed he'd be an artist, but in reflection, he's very glad he has something to do in his retirement that he loves.

He paints in his garage where he sets up more than one canvas at a time. Most of his scenes come from his memory. Even in the early days, he never painted from pictures; instead, he remembered the landscape from his travels around the state. He continues to experiment with his signature black and white landscapes and still makes about half his own frames.

Isaac strongly believes in sharing what he has learned. He teaches at a school in Stuart several times a year, as well as at Desirae's school and at his church. If the Highwaymen tradition carries on to other generations, that would make Isaac Knight a happy man.

