

## **Natchitoches Art Guild Guest Artist for September is Contemporary Artist Nippy Blair**

The art of Nippy Blair, Guest Artist of the Natchitoches Art Guild, will be on display at the Natchitoches Art Gallery during the month of September.

“My designs are based on the human figure displayed in a variety of settings due to my fascination with and observation of people as well as the stories behind their lives.”

This is how artist Nippy Blair begins to describe his work. He shares that his father was a great story teller . . . “he could hold your attention for hours with stories of his past and of people he knew. Each time he told a story it would become more elaborate. ‘Make parts up if you have to,’ he’d say. I must have inherited this ‘stretching the truth’.”

Nippy’s fascination with color, patterns, and the endless possibilities presented by his artistic creativity has produced some of the most colorful, unique, fun and interesting art forms.

Throughout his long career as a fine artist, Nippy has won numerous prestigious awards. His art is in private collections throughout the United States including, Washington, Michigan, Florida, Ohio, Texas, Mississippi, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C. and Louisiana. Collectors from as far away as Australia, Canada, France and England also have his work.

A special “Meet the Artist” open house is scheduled for Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> at the Natchitoches Art Gallery on Front Street in downtown Natchitoches from 2 to 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come in to meet Nippy and his wife Frances, and enjoy light refreshments and beautiful art!