



Meet the Artist

**Saturday and Sunday
May 17th and 18th, 2008**

Strong, inspirational, and gifted are a few words that describe Henry Jackson one of the most talented stained glass Artists in the country. I had heard about him from a friend who met him when he was exhibiting at Baltimore's annual festival of the arts, Artscape (year 2000). I called him and after he understood that I was not one of those bothersome telephone solicitors, our conversation led to a very rewarding business venture and friendship.



Mr. Jackson began working with glass at age 65. He spent 22 years in the U.S. Army. He, his wife and their two children lived in Germany for four years and on military bases located in several states here in the USA. During World War II, he was stationed in Korea and Okinawa. After his military career, he and his family returned to Baltimore. He was employed as a chef at a VA hospital, a carpet salesman at Sears and a furniture salesman at Hecht Company.



In 1985, his wife Catherine took an oil painting class at the Catonsville Senior Center. Since he was driving her there and coming home late, he decided to find something to do with his time. He thought wood carving would be his craft but he reached the stained glass station first and never got any further. After learning the basics, he started to teach himself the art of stained glass.



For the past seven years, MAJA has exclusively (other than at art shows and private appointments) exhibited and sold works of Henry Jackson. Designs have included birds, flowers, lighthouses, boats, fish, clowns, butterflies, a carousel horse, fleur de lies, numerous African designs such as the warrior, Ghanaian woman, Gye Nyame (a Ghanaian Adinkra symbol meaning "omnipotence of God") and the African Princess. Prices range from \$125 to \$1,500.



In 2003, well-known poet and best-selling author Dr. Maya Angelou drove past the store where she saw the "African Princess". She commissioned Mr. Jackson to create a pair of the Princesses for her renovated home in Harlem (see the New York Times: House & Home, August 7, 2003 and the [New York Times: Great Homes January 5, 2007](#)). According to an interview by freelance writer Susan Middaugh for Baltimore Magazine, Dr. Angelou said "These two African Girls welcome people into my dining room. Everyone loves them." Mr. Jackson received a call from Dr. Angelou telling him how happy she was with his work. He was so honored by her call that he could not sleep that night.

Mr. Jackson has received other distinctions, including several appearances on local television, first and second place awards at the



Maryland State Fair and acceptance into several juried, fine arts and crafts shows.

On Saturday, May 17th and Sunday, May 18th, 2008 from 11 AM to 6 PM each day, you will have the opportunity to meet Henry Jackson, 87 years of age, and his beautiful wife Catherine to whom he has been married for 67 years. Mr. Jackson loves to talk "glass" so write down whatever questions you have. He has an incredible collection for you to enjoy and for purchase. He will also set up a small demonstration area. If you are serious about wanting to learn the art of stained glass, Mr. Jackson will teach one or two students in his studio.



We are looking forward to this event. Please mark your calendars!

Happy Spring!

Upcoming Events

Visit our booth at the Flower Mart on Friday, May 2nd and Saturday, May 3rd in Mt. Vernon. For more info, see www.flowermart.org.



Get bargains from our table in front of the store during the Fells Point neighborhood *Sidewalk Sale* on Sunday, May 11th. The Antique Market and the House Tour will be held on the same day.

We will begin to have workshops and get-togethers for natural hair and skin care, head wrapping, decorating with African and African style fabrics, making your own handbags, making your own jewelry, and belly dancing. More information and dates will be announced.



Meet-the-Artist continues with Dolls in June and Jewelry in August.

A new website is in the works!

Store Hours

Wednesdays through Sundays 11AM to 7PM

