

Brad Jaeger

Screen Painter

Bio

Being from Northern New Jersey, I never really was introduced to screen painting until I came down to UMDCP for college. On top of that I was never really an artsy kind of guy until I hit my 60's

I worked for years in genetics, then owned two sports management companies, taught applied calculus for seven years, had a radio show of ESPN called "The Runaround" and coached track and field, swimming and triathletes for about two decades and then decided I want to get into woodworking.

For the past ten years I've been managing my own woodworking company, Gonzo Hollow Woodworks. I build custom screen doors and furniture for clients across the country. I hand carve whatever my clients would like to have on their screen door. I believe I am one of four people that do this across the country.

As my mentor Hunter S. Thompson once said, "Because it still hasn't gotten weird enough for me yet." I decided to start screen painting. My wife introduced me to the art as a life long Baltimorean and I loved the uniqueness of it and I wanted to try to make it a part of my screen doors. I now add color to the doors by painting the screen with what would normally be a carved background. It adds depth to the carvings and it is hard to walk by the door without staring at the originality.

I loved the calmness that the screens brought to downtown Baltimore and I didn't just want to copy what's out there, but wanted to try something different. I like to do detailed paintings of old Baltimore with lots of color and working on doing portraits of famous Baltimoreans, Billie Holiday, Cab Calloway, Frederick Douglas, Jim Palmer, Willie Don Schaefer and more.

My next goal is to bring the art to places outside of Baltimore. I would like to start doing Philadelphia and New York landmarks and people and give Baltimore screen painters more places to sell their wares.

Screen painting has woken up another side of me and now in my 70's, I'm working more hours per week than I ever have in my life.

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