

SAM ROTAN spent over 40 years working in sales and management, traveling around the country. This did not allow much time for leisure or hobby pursuits. Sam has found it very satisfying and enjoyable to discover a talent that was never tapped into before. Although not having had the advantage of any formal art education he has taken weekly lessons from local Galena artist Janet Checker.

Working in oils, primarily from photographs, he selects scenes or objects that interest him because of the way they hook his emotions and imagination. When the subject is of interest to him, personally, he is inspired to exert all of his ability to capture the essence of what the object or scene is about.

Sam likes to paint simple, humble things: old barns, humble dwellings, and his favorite, old abandoned cars and trucks. Old cars fascinate him because the vehicles of yester-year were all so distinct. They all had their own character and personalities, which he captures on canvas.

Sam and his wife Elener reside in the Galena Territory.