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## Painter of Ohio landscapes to sign work

*Billy Jacobs appears Sept. 8 in the Hocking Hills*

ROCKBRIDGE – An artist whose paintings of rural Ohio evoke thoughts of favorite places and tranquil sights along country roads will be in Southeast Ohio in September.

Billy Jacobs is known for his watercolors of landscapes and Americana still life in the collectible Primitive style. The Ohio native first came to painting with acrylics and gradually honed his craft to create more realistic scenes and utilize watercolors.

Even those who don't know Jacobs by name may know his work by sight and style, as according to Chris Palmer, Jacobs' distributor/licensing agent, they recall memories of favorite childhood places and a peaceful, slower pace.

"I am asked over and over again where Billy got the inspiration for this painting or that painting because everyone seems to know just where it has to be and who lived there when they were young," says Palmer in a book of Jacobs' work called "The Road Home," also the name of one of Jacobs' popular pieces. Explains Palmer, "...he has brought forth warm feelings of their childhood, playing in their grandparents' old barn or running down the road with a stick against a picket fence on their way to school."

On Saturday, Sept. 8, 2012, Billy Jacobs will be at the Appalachian Art & Craft Market in the Hocking Hills to sign his work. The public is invited to bring pieces they already own or purchase paintings available in the store.

"I really enjoy doing this," says Jacobs. "Getting to meet the people that are buying my art, connecting with them face-to-face and hearing their comments and suggestions."

Billy Jacobs' art signing takes place from noon to 4 p.m. The Appalachian Art & Craft Market is nestled among the shops in the Hocking Hills Mall along U.S. 33 in Rockbridge.

Approximately 45 minutes southeast of Columbus, visitors will want to turn left to enter the market upon seeing white buildings with green roofs. The Appalachian Art and Craft Market is located in the center.

There is no charge to have art signed or to attend the event. Parking is free in the large lot on site. For more information, visit [www.appalachianartandcraft.com](http://www.appalachianartandcraft.com) or call 740-380-9020.