

Feature Artist

Don “Chico” Jones has lived in Muskogee since he was three weeks old. He is married to his wife Jimmie and lives on an eighteen-acre ranch off Old Porter Highway. Always interested in art, Jones painted a watercolor



“Chico” Jones Painting

portrait of James Lake when he was in middle school. Mr. Lake liked the painting so much he took a personal interest in his artistic advancement. He bought “Chico” his first set of oils and canvas and helped promote his art wherever he could. The portrait is still in Mr. Lake’s collection. As a young man Jones joined the Army and traveled to Germany and Korea. During his more than eight-year service he continued to receive recognition for his art. He painted the 3rd Infantry’s Patch on a visiting General’s touring jeep and painted a mural of the Army’s history in Germany on the wall of the 3rd Infantry mess hall. Jones has painted portraits of numerous Presidents and his portrait of Lyndon B. Johnson is included in the President’s Library Collection in Texas. Some time after his army service Jones decided to attend

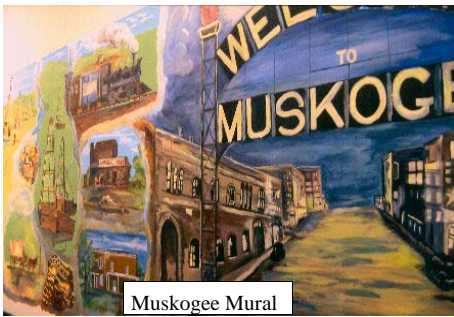


Jones with mural of Will Rogers

Tulsa Junior College and received an Associate Degree in Fine Art. He has a wide range of subject matter but enjoys portraiture, landscapes, and caricatures. His medium of choice is acrylics because he says they are so versatile.

“You can also use them like watercolor and oils,” said Jones.

The mural he is painting at the Arrowhead Mall is done in acrylic and portrays the history of Muskogee. The mall is furnishing his supplies and the space but Jones has donated his skills, imagination, and time. If you haven’t seen the mural in the mall, go by and check it out. Although it is not finished it is a beautiful pictorial history of Muskogee.



Muskogee Mural

Everyone who passes by, as Jones is painting, comments on how wonderful it is. Many people ask when he will be finished and are anxious to see the finished product.

Not only is “Chico” Jones an accomplished artist but also has volunteered his time and talents to help the youth and the underprivileged of Oklahoma. He has donated his services to paint murals in several of Oklahoma’s Department of Human Resources interview and waiting rooms, including Muskogee’s; and, twice a year he volunteers to paint caricatures of juvenile offenders within the state’s youth services program.



Nemo Mural

Jones worked for the Taft Youth Guidance program as an assistant counselor for 25 years and retired in 2002. A portrait caricature Jones painted of L.E. Raider, director of the Oklahoma Department of Human Services, hangs in the OKC Capital grounds.

We, as members, are pleased to have Jones has a member of the MAG for the last year. Don “Chico” Jones is an asset not only to the Muskogee Art Guild but to Muskogee community as well as the State of Oklahoma.