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JUDGE – WALT BARTMAN



Walter Bartman, Director and Founder of the Yellow Barn, has taught art in the Bethesda, Maryland area for fifty years. Specializing in landscape and figure painting, he is known as one of Maryland's finest artists and teachers. He was recognized by three U.S. Presidents as one of this country's important teachers.

Bartman has been teaching at Glen Echo Park, Maryland since 1987. In 1994, when he was named a resident artist at the park, he established the Yellow Barn Studio and Gallery. At this location and others he continues to teach and inspire students of all ages, levels, and backgrounds. Additionally he conducts an exciting array of national and international workshops. Thus far in his career, he has taught over 20,000 students. Among his students is Mitch Rales, who owns Glenstone Museum and Harry Cooper, head of Modern Art at the National Gallery.

Originally from Pittsburgh, PA, Bartman graduated from the University of Maryland in 1970 with a BA in art education. In 1978 he received a Fulbright grant to study art in Belgium and the Netherlands. He was conferred a Master of Fine Arts in Painting and Art History from the American University in Washington, DC in 1979.