

Website Art Hunt: Zinnias

Visit Historic Arkansas Museum's online collection to find this painting and answer the following questions about it.

What is the name of the artist? _____

What year was it painted? _____

ARTIST AND ARTWORK: This beautiful painting was created by an Arkansan who achieved many honors and recognition throughout his lifetime for his artistic talent. Early in his career, he was primarily a portrait painter, but in later years he became interested in watercolor. His formal training as an artist was gained through studies at the University of Arkansas, the American Academy in Chicago, the Art Students League in New York, and the Art Institute of Chicago where he received his bachelor's degree. He also worked with numerous eminent American artists including Charles Hawthorne, Elmer Forsberg, Wellington Reynolds, George Oberteuffer and Elliot O'Hara.



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FAST FACTS: Zinnias come in every color but blue. Zinnias are **annuals** and the seeds should be sown after the last frost as they are a summer plant and the cold will make them die.

ENGAGE: Make your own flower painting. A simple and easy to make a fun flower painting is to use empty toilet paper rolls. Take the empty rolls and cut one end of the roll down about an inch. You can make as many cuts as you want. The more cuts the more petals your flower will have. Press the cut end into paint and then press that onto your paper to make your flowers. Use a different color paint and a paint brush to make the stems and leaves.

EXPLORE: Take a closer look at the painting. What do you think the artist wanted you to feel when he painted it?

What is the dominant color of the painting? _____

VOCABULARY:

Annuals: the flower will bloom for one year and produce seeds but the original plant won't come back the next year

Frameworks: RST.6-12.2, RST.6-12.5

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