

We are still here! Marking the . . . 10th Anniversary of the Silverman Gallery!



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This January, an old friend of Herman's stopped in for the first time in awhile. He was amazed to realize that it had been 10 years since he'd first heard that Silverman was opening his own gallery in Buckingham Green.

Remembering that it seemed like a crazy idea to try and sell art in a down economy, he'd thought, "Well, if anyone can do it, Herman can!"

In 2011, the gallery first opened its doors to establish a venue for a core group of local artists. A March 10th interview in the Bucks County Herald explained Herman's thinking: "There were good artists here who said 'I need wall space. I have an art opening and after three or four months, I'm gone. How can I build up a rapport with collectors when they can never find me again?'"

Four talented local artists were selected to kick things off: Joseph Barrett, Jennifer Hansen Rolli, Alan Fetterman and Myles Cavanaugh. Herman's hope was that his gallery would "be a catalyst to inspire people to collect the work of today's emerging artists." Over the years the slate of artists has grown to 12.

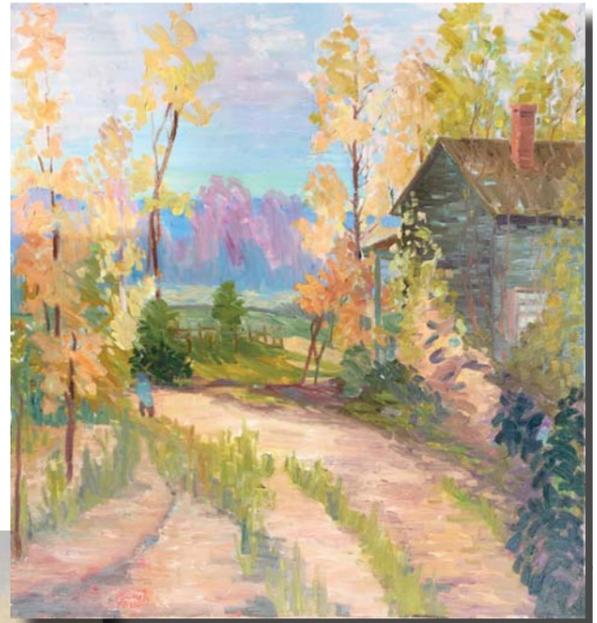
Both Barrett and Rolli have been with the gallery since its inception. Hundreds of their paintings are hanging in homes in Bucks County and beyond. I think of Herman every time someone new discovers the gallery and falls for one of their lovely paintings.

Herman is dearly missed since his passing at the age of 97 in 2017. His impact on the people and arts in our community could fill volumes. His love and vision lives on today in the lives of our artists and their families.



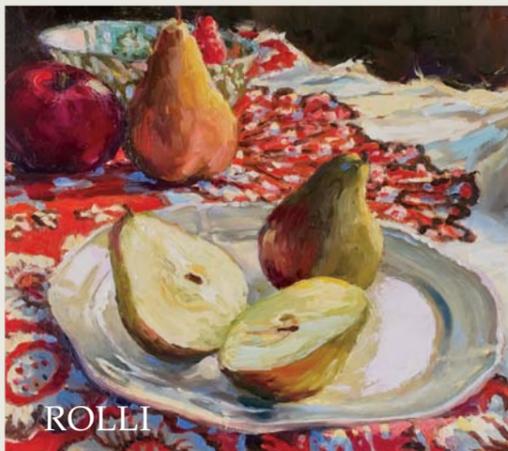
Jennifer and Joe with Herman at the gallery's grand opening in April of 2011.

Barrett's "Edge of Farm" is just one of his works that can be seen in the gallery today.



Jennifer's work has garnered a growing and faithful following . . . and cows are still a popular subject! Her **Muted February**, (at left) was one of the first paintings sold in 2011. "Since the day Herman walked into my life to ask me to join his new gallery, I haven't looked back. Like a family, it has been remarkable to grow with the gallery and its people."

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