

## **RICHARD MARQUIS, ACC 2022 GOLD MEDALIST**

## Bio (as submitted by the awardee)

Richard Marquis has marked the decades of his life by the dogs he has owned. Dick's first dog was acquired from the pound when he was in elementary school. His name was Blackie and he lived to be 12 years old. In 1971, Dick moved to Seattle to teach ceramics at the University of Washington and adopted a pair of English Setters named Oxo Peerless Nigel Ralf (aka Nigel) and Omo Cairgorm Bo Ralf (aka Bo). Dick moved to Whidbey Island in the 1980s. When "Famous Dog Nigel" went to the Happy Bird Hunting Grounds in 1986, the next English Setter was Pete. Pete died in 1998 after he was gored by the neighbor's pet deer. Next came the first of the yellow Labrador Retrievers, Mr. Bones. In the 2000s, Dick and his wife Johanna acquired another pair of yellow labs, Nell and "Three-Toed" Willie. In 2014, fire destroyed the house, and Willie died from heartbreak, and Dick closed the hot shop for good. In 2016, they rescued a Border Collie, Lucky, who is his constant companion.

So then in dog years, Richard Marquis has been working in glass for about 360 years. Suffering from versatility and a short little span of attention, he has created a varied and weird body of work. He is represented in multitudinous public collections worldwide and has received more than his share of grants and honors. Eschewing publicity, he has worked quietly and haphazardly the past 360 dog years at his studio on Whidbey Island and has now retired with plenty of time to dream about all the dogs he's loved.

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