

Painting a picture of his own Retirement Plan



Dave Drinon, Senior Vice President with Boston Partners Financial Group is quickly becoming a notable local artist. After a long successful and fulfilling career as a Financial Advisor with Boston Partners, Dave will be retiring from his financial planning practice this May and entering into a second career as a local artist.

Dave has been focusing his efforts in his art studio in Lowell, MA at the Western Avenue Studios. He opened his studio last spring and has been working on commissioned pieces as well as building his portfolio and perfecting his craft in his spare time. Soon, it will be fulltime.

Most recently his art was featured on the front page of the Lowell Sun Newspaper for his work which was inspired by the March, 1990, break-in and robbery of 13 works of art, worth over \$500 million, from Boston's Isabella Stewart Gardner Museum.

The Gardner Museum is a setting in, *The Art Forger* by B. A. Shapiro, (pictured above with Drinon). *The Art Forger* is a novel about a young artist who makes a living doing art reproductions and gets involved in the Gardner heist when asked to make a forged copy of one of the stolen masterpieces.

Dave's painting, as well as 12 other art works, are currently on display in the Chelmsford Library. The participating artists all read the novel before creating their works, said curator Maxine Farkas. "It was a meaty challenge, as you will see from the variety of work in response to the book," Farkas said. The show opened on Sunday, April 6, and is on view through April 29th.

Dave's art can be seen all around the New England area, including the Boston Partners Financial Group conference room, Lowell Town Hall, Buildings in Boston's "Financial District" and he was also featured in an episode of "Chronicle" last fall while painting in the White Mountains. For more information on Dave's works of art, visit www.drinonstudio.com or visit his studio during "Open Studio's" www.westernavenuestudios.com.

