

Paintings By Local Artist Being Shown Worldwide

Two paintings by a local artist are now being viewed worldwide.

Merrill Coffin recently won a national competition sponsored by *Palette Talk* magazine with his painting "Beyond Repair." The painting and a step-by-step explanation of his technique were reprinted in the centerfold of the most recent issue.

The competition was open to any artist who paints with acrylics in a realistic style. The magazine is pub-

lished by M. Grumbacher Inc., the world's largest supplier of art materials. It is distributed to all art stores and museums in the U.S., Canada and Europe.

As an added bonus to fans of American realism, a portion of "Grandma's Treasures" that Coffin sent to the publisher "just as a lark" appears on the cover of the same issue.

"Beyond Repair" depicts a "derelict

boat that intrigued me on one of my many trips to Cape Cod."

Coffin said he only paints with acrylics.

"These paints allow me the latitude of detail and opportunity to work without delays due to drying time," Coffin said in the magazine. "I enjoy the versatility of acrylics: wash effects can be created and, in direct contrast, infinite detail can be achieved."

Coffin, of Martin Road, is a self-taught painter. His first painting, done when he was in third grade, was of General George Washington crossing the Delaware River. It hung in the office of Euclid School until the office was remodeled about 10 years ago.

He has had exhibits at Arnot's Art Museum in Elmira, Welch's in Westfield, Little Theatre of Jamestown, Gallery I in New Haven, Conn., and the

Mystic Arts Festival in Mystic, Conn. This year he won best-of-show at the Fredonia Farm Festival and Bemus Point Art Show.

Coffin operates his own gallery, Coffin House, also located on Martin Road, and is a partner in a new business, Elcee Collectibles, which specializes in Chinese and Early American decorated furniture.

Examples of Coffin's work are now on display at Pearl City Paint and Glass Co. on Cherry Street in Jamestown.