

ANNOUNCING
RICHARD SCHMID:
 A RETROSPECTIVE EXHIBITION



"Lemons" Oil 11" x 20"

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Join us in Celebrating a Rare, Historic Show | September 24–October 1, 2016
 New Paintings & Artworks from Private Collections

by **RICHARD SCHMID**

Hosted by **WEST WIND FINE ART & GALLERY 1261**

Curated by **KRISTEN THIES**

Opening Artist's Reception: Saturday, September 24th, 6–9 pm
 Book Signing: Sunday, September 25th, 11am–12pm

at Gallery 1261, 1261 Delaware Street, Denver, Colorado
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FINE ART SHOW PREVIEW | DENVER, CO
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Throughout his distinguished career, artist, author, and teacher, Richard Schmid has been a candid spokesman for what is known as the **Grand Manner**—a certain mingling of virtuosity and unrestrained joy in art.

Richard Schmid holds a Doctorate of Fine Art and is the recipient of every major art award in America, including the \$100,000 National Arts for the Parks Competition for his painting, *Rocky Mountain Stream—Rocky Mountain National Park*. In addition, Mr. Schmid was presented with The John Singer Sargent Lifetime Achievement award by Richard Ormond, Sargent's grandnephew, at ceremonies held at New York's Metropolitan Museum of Art.

Since 1958, Mr. Schmid has presented over Fifty one-man shows. Autumn 2016 marks the premiere of his new *Retrospective Exhibition* curated by Kristen Thies, owner of West Wind Fine Art. The show comprises thirty of his most iconic paintings and drawings on loan from private collections and five new artworks.

In 2012 Doug Pringle, President of the K.T. Wiedemann Foundation in Wichita, Kansas invited Mr. Schmid to paint Abbotsford—the ancestral home of Sir Walter Scott. Mr. Schmid's plein air-oil, *Abbotsford Sketch*, will be on view in the show.

His larger masterwork, *Abbotsford House*, oil 30" x 50," was presented by Kristen Thies to Queen Elizabeth II at the Royal Opening of Abbotsford's new Visitor's Center in Melrose, Scotland in 2013.



"Begonias" Oil 16" x 20"

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Right: Richard Schmid's emissary, Kristen Thies presenting *Abbotsford House* to Queen Elizabeth II
 Left: Doug Pringle, President of the KT Wiedemann Foundation, Inc.

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