

Ron Throop

I am a relatively useful father and husband who relies on connections with others to make my living. I have maintained this practice for 29 years, although I made ends meet at an earlier time employed as a line cook in several restaurants along the shoreline of Lake Ontario. I believe the demands of the professional kitchen trained me to become the successful homemaker I am today.

As a young father recently graduated from college I read to my daughter the *The Bunny Book* by Patsy and Richard Scarry, and I believe, subconsciously, acquired a philosophy for living the good life.

In it the authors espouse, probably for the first time ever in written history, the virtue of fatherhood as a vocation. It has taken nearly a lifetime for me to recognize the riches accumulated via this pursuit, both seen and more unseen.

As stay at home Dad, I nurtured hobbies such as painting and self-liberation writing, with hopes that either would stimulate an income at a future point, in order to free my wife from the repetitive grind of nine to five. They have not. And my youngest daughter is off to college and ready to establish her own life philosophy. So I'll need something to do. Any ideas?

Recently I have become an internationally known painter, showing work in Moscow and St. Petersburg, Russia, and Liverpool and London, England. I am a practitioner of the modern art movement called Stuckism. My paintings are colorful, lively, of the moment, and affordable.

You can find out more at www.ronthroop.com.

I cannot get enough of paint. I am the art crazy old man at late mid-life.

