## **Artist Information**

John Christian – Mr. Christian has worked as a full-time artist since 1989 where he owned an art studio in downtown Powder Springs called "The Concept Shop". His goal is to create great art that will last for generations from family portraits to murals and public art. As a muralist, he is painting murals in small towns and cities all around Georgia. His focus is on small towns (under 50,000) and his emphasis is outside public murals that has a culture and historic theme to it. He is an avid historian and strives to preserve a little piece of history in each mural.

All his information can be found at <a href="https://www.georgiamuraltrail.com">www.georgiamuraltrail.com</a>

Due to his current workload, Mr. Christian would be available to begin on July 1 if selected. He would be completed with the mural no later than September 30 under normal weather patterns.

**Gerald Byrd** – Mr. Byrd has been an artist for over 20 years where he has completed numerous projects around Atlanta. He is a graduate of Savannah College of Arts and Design and has sold many paintings and has managed two studios. He has taught several art classes for youth and adults and has done non-profit work for the city of Carrollton where her has helped children with special needs learn to love art. He has served on Carrollton's City Council and was Mayor Pro Tem during that time. He has completed many murals at Maple Street Elementary and played a vital role on the promotion of the Arts in Carrollton.

If selected, Mr. Byrd can begin as early as June 1. He estimates that he can complete the mural within 45 days under normal weather patterns.