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Plein Air Plein Air Plein Air Plein Air Plein Air A Painting a Day Joy of Creativity Landscape Mixed Media Figurative Retreat Luminous Florals Colored Pencil Painting w/o Fear **Pocket Sketching** Zen Calligraphy **Sculpting Animals R&F Encaustics** Drawing w/o Fear Glow w/ Pastels Creating Intimacy A Painting a Day **Paper Painting** Still life & Landscape Illusionary Still-Life

### **Field Expeditions 2012**

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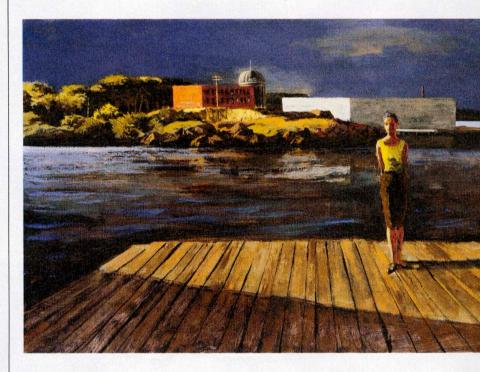
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## **QUICK SKETCHES**

# HUGHIE LEE-SMITH: AN INFLUENTIAL ARTIST RETURNS TO THE GALLERY WALLS



American artist Hughie Lee-Smith (1915-1999) is best known for his evocative landscapes that combine surrealism and social commentary. Throughout his more than 50 years as a professional artist, he taught at colleges and universities throughout the country, and in 1963, was the second African American to be elected to the National Academy of Design. Although he has been acknowledged alongside such masters as Giorgio de Chirico and Edward Hopper, the Michael Rosenfeld Gallery's recent exhibition, "The 1950s: Major Paintings," marked the first solo presentation of the artist's work in more than 15 years.

Comprising eight oil paintings from a pivotal decade in the artist's

career, the exhibition showcased Lee-Smith's shift to a unique style that mixed realism and social consciousness with a subtle sense of the surreal. blended with influences from the artist's longtime interest in European techniques. As with much of his work, the paintings on view share themes of isolation and alienation, with figures standing alone or separated by a vast backdrop of brick factories, remote seascapes, or lonely rooftops, hinting perhaps at America's explosive growth during the 1950s and the social consequences of such unchecked progress.

The artist's investigation of the themes of seclusion and estrangement influenced Lee-Smith's opinion of America as a land wrapped in the "tentacles of racism," and he became a major voice in the discussions regarding a "black aesthetic" in the Black Arts Movement of the 1960s. Art historian Leslie King Hammond notes that Lee-Smith "used representation and its illusion as a means to ponder questions of humanity by working through the specifics of black American lives," particularly the social, economic, and class barriers that obstructed progress.

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LEFT Waiting ca. 1956, oil on Masonite, 23% x 36. BELOW Untitled ca. 1955, oil on Masonite, 19 x 13½.



