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He is also listed in the current edition of *Who's Who in American Art*. Dean is the author of *Art from Intuition*, now in its fifth printing.

Dean's goal in teaching is to inspire artists to find the myriad of accessible possibilities for creating original artworks that are inspired by the powers of imagination and an enthusiasm for the process of making art.

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