



# *Dwight D. Eisenhower Library*

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## **Painting and Other Hobbies of Dwight D. Eisenhower**

Visitors will have a last chance to judge for themselves, the artistic talents of former President Eisenhower in an exhibit at the Eisenhower Museum that will close December 11, 2006. One of the president's hobbies during his retirement years was painting landscapes and portraits for which he took care in proclaiming his "magnificent audacity" in even attempting to paint likenesses, and it's reported he burned more portraits than anything else. Twenty-one paintings are from the permanent museum collections and eight are on loan.

In addition to painting, Eisenhower also enjoyed playing bridge, hunting, fishing, cooking, and most of all, playing golf. Some of the items on exhibit that correspond to these hobbies are a fly fishing vest and pole, a cooking apron, and a golf hat from Augusta National Golf Course.

The exhibit is on display in the temporary gallery of the museum, which is open from 9 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., daily and closed only Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Year's Day. For more information, please call 785-263-6700 or toll free 1 877 RING IKE. The Eisenhower Center is one of twelve Presidential libraries operated by the National Archives and Records Administration, Washington, D. C.