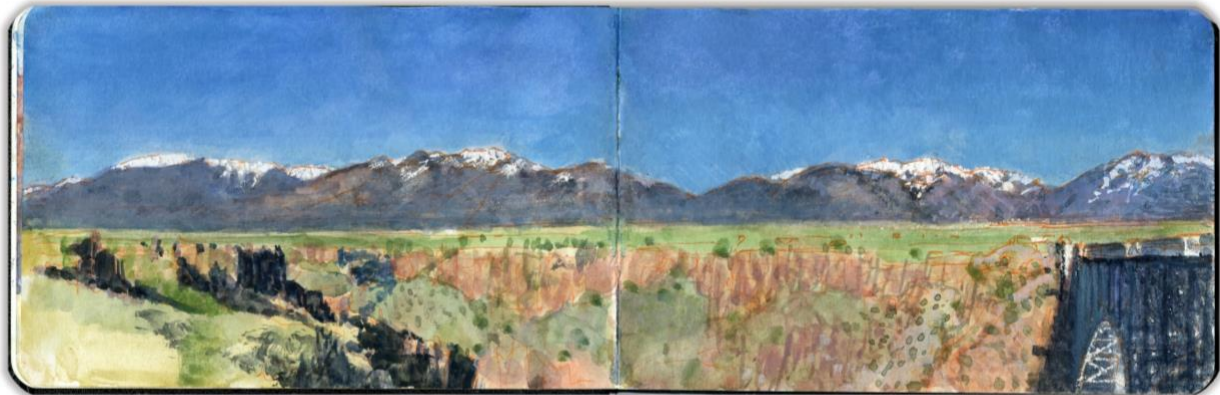


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**GRAND RIVER SKETCHBOOK: Visions and Voices**  
by James Lancel McElhinney ©2019



In 2009, [James Lancel McElhinney](#) revived an historic form of expeditionary drawing, painting and writing in travel journals, focused on waterways, rivers, and coastlines. He recently signed a contract with a publishing house to produce a series of field-guides to mindful travel, focused on promoting environmental sustainability through a deeper personal engagement with nature.

In 2015 McElhinney formed [Needlewatcher Editions](#), a new publishing company specializing in fine-press art-books. Read the [feature article](#) by Peter Trippi in [Fine Art Connoisseur](#). In 2017, Needlewatcher Editions produced its first book: [Hudson Highlands. North River Suite Volume One](#), which was acquired by a number of notable museums and rare book libraries across the United States.

A new project [O.T.W. On the Water: The Schuylkill River](#), was published on October 26, 2018. It too has been well-received. It is now the focus of a new multimedia installation organized by McElhinney, now on view through September 2019, at [Independence Seaport Museum](#) in Philadelphia,

McElhinney now turns his attention to the Rio Grande, following the historic waterway across New Mexico. Works from his *Grand River Sketchbook* will be on view at [Gerald Peters Gallery](#) in Santa Fe, from **June 20, to August 4, 2019**. In preparation for the exhibition, McElhinney will visit New Mexico, to travel the length of the Rio Grande, collecting images and stories, with the goal of contributing to a growing number of conversations around a great American waterway.



**[James Lancel McElhinney](#)** is an **author, publisher, oral historian, visual artist, and public speaker**. Now based in New York, he is the recipient of a 2017 **[Pollock Krasner Foundation Grant](#)**, and previously a recipient of a fellowship from the **National Endowment for the Arts**. His artworks can be found in the following collections:

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University of Denver Library. Special Collections  
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Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts. Special Collections and Archives  
University of Denver Library Special Collections  
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West Point Museum, United States Military Academy  
Yale Beinecke Rare Book and Manuscript Library. New Haven Ct

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