

# ROCKWELL KENT

## PAINTER, ILLUSTRATOR, PRINTMAKER

**A native New Yorker, Rockwell Kent (1882-1971) settled at Asgaard Farm just outside of Au Sable Forks in the 1920's, when he was in his 40's.** After travel to exotic places including Tierro del Fuego, Alaska, Greenland, Newfoundland and Ireland, he found at Asgaard much inspiration in the panoramic views of Whiteface Mountains and the stark beauty of the wilderness.

He continued to work and paint at Asgaard until his death. Considered an American modernist, Kent's paintings received early significant attention especially by critic James Huneker of the *Sun* who praised his brushwork as athletic and his colorful dissonances as daring. His illustrations and black-and-white pen/brush and ink drawings for books were equally heralded.

A complex and intellectual personality, somewhat in the style of Thoreau and Emerson whose works he read, some themes for his prints suggested his underlying sense of *weltschmerz*, a longing to see a world devoid of nuclear weapons, a better place.

**Ralf Clyde Nemec**, from Long Island, has been collecting the works of Rockwell Kent for over 30 years and is considered an expert on Kent. His vast collection of Rockwell Kent contains the acknowledged largest assemblage of his prints in the world. Mr. Nemec also has ties to the Adirondack region.

**10% of the proceeds from the sale of the ROCKWELL KENT prints will benefit the Tahawus Fund.**

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### **AN IMPORTANT AND RARE COLLECTION OF ART COMES TO AU SABLE FORKS: June 23 – July 2, 2016.**

In 1936, American artist Rockwell Kent completed a limited edition series of illustrations for "The Complete Works of Shakespeare," published by Doubleday, Doran & Co., Inc., Garden City, New York. A rare *complete* set of these 40 lithographs from the Ralf Clyde Nemec Collection will be shown in an exhibit at Tahawus Center Gallery, marking the 400<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Shakespeare's death, and the 134<sup>th</sup> birthday anniversary of Rockwell Kent, in a celebration of legacies.

*The Merry Wives of Windsor*, ink on wove paper, 11 ¼ x 8 ½ in

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