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Image 1. February Clouds



Image 2. Abe Lincoln 17

Philip Alexander, M.D., is a native Texan who practiced medicine in College Station for more than 25 years. Throughout that time, he was an accomplished musician performing as an oboe soloist for the Brazos Valley Symphony orchestra. In 1980, Dr. Phil explored the world of art, first by drawing pencil sketches and then drawing via computer. His images, which first appeared in this journal in the spring of 2012, are his own original creations.

When asked about his penchant for illustrating planes, Dr. Phil responded, "I like the perspective variations you can get with skies, planes, horizons, heights, depths ... as if I were up there flying with them. When naming an image, I use either fabricated names or names of local friends and medical colleagues." The Abe Lincoln illustration refers to the U.S.S. Abraham Lincoln, the country's fifth Nimitz-class supercarrier, which is one of ten nuclear-powered aircraft carriers in service with the United States Navy.