Richard Niewerth, born in Baltimore, MD, earned a BFA in Painting from Maryland Institute College of Art in 1967 and an MA from the University of Maryland in 1969.

Niewerth started his career in the Visual Arts by teaching at Anne Arundel Community College in the Spring of 1970. While serving as Art Department Chair for 18 years, he developed an art major program and initiated most of the art courses currently offered at the College. He introduced computers into the Art program to be used an art tool. During his tenure at the college, he continued to pursue his painting career which led to exhibiting his works on a regional, national, and international level.

In 1987, he traveled to Rio de Janeiro to exhibit his work through his affiliation with The Partners of the Americas group. In 1990 and again in 1992, Niewerth introduced travel study in to the Art Program taking a group of students to Arundel, England for an extended stay to paint England's diverse landscapes.

In addition to his many solo and group exhibits, his paintings are included in a number of permanent collections including Maryland State Senate Building, The Permanent College of Maryland Artists at Towson State University, Delaware Museum of Art, Do Museu Nactional de Belas Artes and Do Museu de Arte Moderna, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Niewerth was chosen in 2001 to complete a painting of the US Capitol Building for the Official 2001 National Independence Day Celebration Commemorative Poster sponsored by Lockheed Martin. Posters were presented to all members of the US Congress and the President's Cabinet. In 2007, Niewerth received the National NISOD Excellence in Teaching Award. Niewerth was awarded Emeritus status after his retirement in 2009 for his 39 years of service to Anne Arundel Community College. In 2011, he received the Visual Arts "Annie Award" from the Arts Council of Anne Arundel County and a second time recipient of the Tilghman Perpetual Award from the Maryland Federation of Art in Annapolis, MD.

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