Harry Whitehorse Home and Studio October 12, 1927 - November 29, 2017

Harry Whitehorse was a renowned Ho-Chunk artist. He was born in a Ciporoke near Black River Falls to Ralph Rubin and Annie Greencrow Whitehorse, a local educator. Harry's interest in art continued through his World War II Navy service. Using the GI Bill, he studied human and animal anatomy at UW-Madison, oil painting at Madison's Arthur Colt School of Fine Arts, and welding at Madison Area Technical College.

In the 1960s and 1970s, Harry turned his attention to metal. According to his wife, Deb Whitehorse, "He would take a stock car and turn it into something beautiful, manipulate the metal, and paint it a beautiful color." One of his nine large metal commissions in Dane County is located nearby at 1050 East Broadway. Another prominent commission is the National Native American Vietnam Memorial at the Highground in Neillsville, Wisconsin.

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