

## Biography: Bill Bruce

A self taught painter/photographer, I got my start in the Haight Ashbury District in San Francisco the late 50's. I joined a small group of other artists, calling ourselves the "Artist's Consortium", exhibiting in small store fronts, Golden Gate Park, and where ever we could find a place to show our work.

I had my first one person exhibit at the Lucien LeBault Gallery in San Francisco in 1966. Moving to Fresno that same year, with my wife and two children, I became involved in the Fresno art community. I had a one person show at the Coffee's Art Gallery on the thriving Fulton Mall that same year. Also exhibited in incidental venues in the early days of a blossoming art scene in Fresno.

I applied for membership in Fig Tree Gallery in December of 1989, was accepted, and had my first one person show in our Gallery in 1990. As an active member in the vibrant Fresno art community, I have had many shows at Fig Tree, and other Fresno galleries and venues.

I have exhibited from Oregon to San Francisco, Sacramento to Bakersfield, with works in many private collections.. Articles in the Fresno Bee, and other local publications have documented my work over the years.

I have had a gallery/studio in downtown Fresno since the early 90's, and continue to pursue my art with passion. Painting, mixed media, three dimensional art, along with my photography is both challenging and rewarding.

Let's see....born in 1932 that makes me...well, anyway, age has not diminished my enthusiasm. The only thing that has changed over the years...I don't climb ladders anymore.