



# Brent Allen

Salem, OR artist Brent Allen has been involved with the arts since early childhood. Although his major studies have been in music, he minored in art in college and has enjoyed a diversity of art media through his adult career. He has worked in local galleries for about twenty years and understands both the progressive and commercial sides of art. His work in the art and framing field has given him constant exposure to the arts scene both in the local area and worldwide. This experience, plus a keen interest in art and music history, has given him a well-rounded appreciation for many different styles of artwork.

***"I've always tried to balance artistic freedom with marketability so that the artwork that I create can be both creatively satisfying and available to all people."***

Working primarily in landscape and floral subjects, he has used colored pencil, acrylics and watercolors interchangeably in his portfolio depending on the level of realism needed for each piece. With a strong background in graphic art and design, much of his time is spent finding and combining elements to compose in his imagery.

***"Painting or drawing the image is not nearly as creatively stimulating or challenging as imagining and composing the piece before the first stroke of the brush."***

Brent has one published image created for the Oregon Wine & Food Festival in 2006. He currently manages the Elsinore Framing & Fine Art Gallery in downtown Salem and enjoys speaking to local arts groups and art students. He has also adjudicated local shows and is in charge of scheduling, designing and hosting all art shows and exhibits at the gallery.