



Artwork by artist Bruce Thorne titled "Olana"

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Bruce always knew painting was in his heart. Born in Brooklyn, NY in 1955 and raised in Suffern, NY his heritage takes him back to the Norwegian Vikings, via Canada. The art of boatbuilding and sailing are in his DNA. As the great grandson of a vessel Captain you can see his love for adventure, nature and the world of color. During his senior year, at Suffern High School, he realized his love for oil painting and he hasn't ever stopped since. When Bruce paints, he breaks all the rules and his paintings honestly explode with energy and vision.

Thorne eschews contemporary trends. He refuses to limit his palette, choosing instead to paint with whatever colors are right for that day, that scene. He often foregoes a traditional brush, choosing instead to apply paint directly from the tube and use a palette knife (his collector's favorite).

In the tradition of the Impressionists, (he cites Vincent VanGogh and Claude Monet as among his influences) Thorne's paintings speak in the dots and dashes of light with mood or shadow to make up the code of his vision.

Thorne was in high school when he met Lisa, also his creative soul. They fell in love, building a life, raised four expressive children, ran their own business and paint together. As you can tell, Bruce is on a mission to paint and paint more.

Participations respectfully include:
Represented artist at The Walkill River Gallery- Montgomery, NY 06-2010
Walkill River School, Board of Directors Member, 07-2010
Artist in The Parks, Leadership board 08-2010
Pioneered The Group of Nine
Represented artist at La C&L Galerie - Poudernis, France
International Paint Air- Paint Out- Niagara Falls, Canada 2005
Newburgh Historical Society, Feast of the Arts- Newburgh, NY 06, 08, 2010
Edward Hooper House "Artist in the park", Poughkeepsie, NY
Barrett Art Center, Millbrook Paint-out, Millbrook, NY
"Art on the Trail", Trailside Museum and Zoo- Bear Mountain State Park
Paintings published in the award-winning cookbook "Orange County Bounty" WRS
LHPAP- Lower Hudson Valley Paint Air Painters

