

# *carlene frances*

## Biographical Sketch

My canvas is a field of color, continuously in play from edge to edge, rather than organized in terms of figure/ground relationships. My work seeks to explore non-objective line, and the relationship between color and content. Though out my paintings, the color *harmonizes* and expresses a melodic sequence or simultaneous chord, which appeals to ones emotions. The paintings reflect the juxtaposition of complexity verses simplicity analogous to Eastern and Western cultures. The result is to *harmonize* opposites therefore creating balance.

My great admiration for Asian art and it's magnificent sense of design (*Wabi Sabi*) led me to study Chinese Brush Painting with Asian artist/ professor Janette Lenshow, BS, MS, BFA from the University of Colorado. Much of my work is based on the philosophy of the manual, *The Tao of Painting*, the translation of the 17<sup>th</sup> century *Mustard Seed Garden Manual of Painting*, concerned with the idea of the *Yin and Yang* as a basic concept of painting. My intent is not to make art that looks Asian, but that emerges from the power of its aesthetics.

I've also been drawn to several 20<sup>th</sup> century contemporary American artists, especially the works of Mark Rothko and his vast fields of color to express emotion. He completely eliminated line rather I chose to use line along with the vast fields of color. Artist Richard Diebenkorn works of the 50's has also been a strong influence. Embodied within my work is his hallmark of large areas of layered glowing color and the liveliness of mark making.

I received a BFA in painting and drawing from Rocky Mountain College of Art and Design under professor/artist Clark Richert. I also attended Kendall College of Art and Design in Michigan before moving to Colorado in 1974.

### High profile Exhibition

- **25<sup>th</sup> All Colorado 2008**, Juried Exhibit, *Curtis Art & Humanities Center*, Greenwood Village, CO
- **Museum of Contemporary Art- Regional** Juried Exhibit, *Rocky Mountain Biennial 2002*, Fort Collins, CO
- **Canyon Road Contemporary Gallery of Art- National** Juried Invitational Exhibit, Santa Fe, NM
- **Susan K. Arndt Gallery**, *Mountain Valley Women Artists*, Red Rocks Community College, Lakewood, CO
- **The Lincoln Center**, *13<sup>th</sup> National Art Exhibit*, National Juried Group Exhibit, Fort Collins, CO
- **Denver Public Library**, *Santa Fe Drive Art District Exhibit*, Denver, CO

### Corporate Collection

- Law Firm of Castle, Meinhold & Stawjarski, Denver, CO
- Summit Financial, Denver, CO
- Perfect Teeth Inc., Aurora, CO
- Law Firm Huttner & Huttner, Denver Cherry Creek, CO
- AMS Health Inc., Denver, CO.

### High Profile Collection

- Attorney Susan Vogel, Denver, CO
- Attorney Dan Frost, Holland & Hart LLP, Denver, CO
- Dr. Dean Bailey of Mission Viejo Veterinary Clinic, Aurora, CO
- Dr. James Orban, Periodontics, Colorado Springs, CO
- Dr. Adrian Henrickes, Arvada, CO
- Edmond Grostick, Director of the U.S. Department of Transportation, Jacksonville, FL
- Barbara Henderson, Broker of Towne & Country Real Estate Company, Denver, CO

### Current Representation

- enso gallery, Denver, CO
- Square Deal Gallery, Denver, CO
- Art Exchange, Internet Gallery, Hot Springs, AK

### Awards and Recognition

- **HGTV** Paintings featured in a home filmed on HGTV
- **Published Article**, *Art of the Four Corners Magazine*, Fall Issue, 2007, Article on *Fusion Exhibit*, page 68
- **Published Book**, *Fusion: Painting and Poetry*, Fall, 2007
- **Juried Membership 2006**, *The National Association of Women Artist*, New York, NY (800 members)
- **Curators Choice Award**, *Art for Aids Exhibit 2006*, Denver, CO
- **First Place Award**, *Contemporary Art Exhibition 2004*, Evergreen Center for the Arts, Evergreen, CO
- **Award of Merit**, *3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Artful Women Exhibit 2002*, Fremont Center for the Arts, Canon City, CO
- **Award of Excellence**, *National Invitational 2000*, Canyon Road Contemporary Art Gallery, Santa Fe, NM
- **Published Mural 2000**, *Integration of Space*, Rocky Mountain College Art & Design, college catalog, Denver, CO