

Gerald Levant Thompson



In 1967, after completing *Which Road?*, a pen and ink drawing, I declared myself an artist. I was 16. My childhood home had inspired me because most of our paintings were created by family members.

In 1974, I received a B.S. in Chemistry from UC Riverside. During 1976–1978, I was a Peace Corps volunteer teaching Chemistry in Kenya. In Africa, my watercolor skills improved as I captured new and exciting subjects. At the end of my assignment, I completed an around the world trip by traveling through Asia to San Francisco.

I was now keen to pursue an art career. I studied Illustration at the Academy of Art College in San Francisco and worked as an analytical chemist. Eventually, I was all-in with Chemistry. In 1988, I received a Masters in Chemistry from San Francisco State University. For the next 24 years, I worked in the analytical

chemistry and computer software fields.

In 2013, I retired. My loving wife Winnie suggested I build an art studio for our mutual use. Now, we enjoy pursuing our artistic paths together.

I seek to improve my ability to observe my subjects clearly and record impressions creatively. My ability to visualize abstract concepts enables me to achieve unique artistic results.



Which Road?
pen and ink
1967



Death Valley to High Sierra
oil
2016



Stanford
oil
2020

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Education

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| 2002 | M.S. Education Online Teaching and Learning, Cal State East Bay, Hayward, CA |
| 1988 | M.S. Chemistry, San Francisco State University, San Francisco, CA |
| 1981 | John F. Kennedy University, San Francisco, CA
(Intro to Museology) |
| 1980 | Academy of Art College, San Francisco, CA
(19 units as Illustration major) |
| 1980 | California College of Arts and Crafts, Oakland, CA
(Painting from the Figure) |
| 1974 | B.S. Chemistry, University of California, Riverside, CA |
| 2021 | Oil painting workshop with Karl Dempwolf, landscape artist |
| 2021 | Oil painting online workshop with Quang Ho, fine artist |
| 2020 | Oil painting online workshop with Jane Hunt, landscape artist |
| 2019-20 | Oil painting lessons with Debbie O'Brien, expressionistic artist |
| 2019 | Oil painting workshop with Brian Blodd, landscape artist |
| 2019 | Oil painting workshop with Jane Hunt, landscape artist |
| 2019 | Oil painting workshop with Peter Adams, landscape artist |
| 2019 | Oil painting workshop with Michael Orwick, landscape artist |
| 2018 | Oil painting workshop with Susan Nichols, landscape artist |
| 2018 | Oil painting workshop with Kathleen Dunphy, landscape artist |
| 2016-18 | Oil painting workshops with Bill Davidson, landscape artist |
| 2014 | Oil painting lessons with Charles H. White, landscape artist |

Solo Exhibitions

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| 2021 | A.R.T., Inc.'s website gallery, Castro Valley, CA |
| 2021 | Hayward Arts Council, Sunset Virtual Gallery, Hayward, CA |
| 2020 | Eko Café, Hayward, CA |
| 2017 | Castro Valley Library, Castro Valley, CA |
| 2017 | Thomas Neal and Associates, Hayward, CA |
| 2016 | Baywood Court Health Center, Castro Valley, CA |
| 2015 | Hayward Senior Center, Hayward, CA |

Awards

- 2021 **Fine Arts Oil Judge's Favorite**, *Self Portrait as Salesman*, Alameda County Fair, Alameda, CA
- 2020 **Fine Arts Best of Show**, *Stanford*, Alameda County Fair, Alameda, CA
- 2019 **Honorable Mention**, *Ghost Ranch*, New Beginnings: A.R.T., Inc. Members Show, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2018 **2018 Alameda County Arts Leadership Award**, Team award for Gerald and Winifred Thompson, Alameda County Arts Commission
- 2018 **Honorable Mention**, *Red Bud*, Anything Goes – Almost, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2017 **Ruby Hearts of Hayward Award**, Hayward Arts Council, 40th Hayward Volunteer Recognition & Awards Dinner, Hayward, CA
- 2017 **Honorable Mention**, *To Be Fair*, Plein Air Painting Competition, Alameda County Fair
- 2016 **Mona Froyland Award**, *Death Valley to High Sierra*, 39th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 **Merit Award**, *Death Valley to High Sierra*, 39th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 **Honorable Mention**, *Crater Lake*, 39th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 **Honorable Mention**, *Umbrellas at the Fair*, Plein Air Painting Competition, Alameda County Fair
- 2016 **Honorable Mention**, *Atonement*, A.R.T., Inc. Members Show, Adobe Art Center
- 2015 **Honorable Mention**, *Owyhee River*, Alameda County Fair

Juried Exhibitions

- 2021 **Online Exhibition**, *Less is More*, Laguna Plein Air Painters Association, Laguna Beach, CA
- 2021 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2020 **Online Exhibition**, *Our World Reimagined*, California Art Club, Pasadena, CA
- 2020 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2020 **Group Exhibition**, *Expressions Juried Exhibit*, Tracy Art League, Tracy, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *Art is for Everyone! The Affordable Art Show* Village Theatre, Danville, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *Uplift: Celebrating the Sierra Nevada*, ArtsBenicia, Benicia, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *EXPRESSIONS! Juried Exhibit*, Tracy Art League, Tracy, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *41st Annual Juried Exhibit*, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA

- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Expressions Juried Exhibit*, Tracy Art League, Tracy, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, *40th Annual Juried Exhibit*, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, *7th Annual "Fresh Works" Juried Exhibit*, Harrington Gallery, Pleasanton, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, *39th Area Artists' Annual Juried Exhibit*, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, *a Walk in the Park, 6th Annual Juried Exhibition*, Village Theatre Art Gallery, Danville, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, *MICROCOSMOS* a Nationally Juried Exhibit, Gallery 621, Benicia, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, *38th Area Artist's Annual Juried Exhibit*, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition**, Alameda County Fair, Pleasanton, CA
- 2014 **Group Exhibition**, *37th Area Artist's Annual Juried Exhibit*, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA

Commissions

- 2017 Castro Valley Center for the Arts, *Cover art for season program*, Castro Valley, CA
- 1977 Kapsabet City Council, *Coat of Arms*, oil on hardwood, Kapsabet, Kenya

Demonstrations

- 2018 *Creating a compelling composition using a photographic reference*
Adobe Art Center, Castro Valley, CA

Judging

- 2019 - 2020 Co-Judge, Congressional Art Competition, hosted by Congressman Eric Swalwell representing CA-15

Related Experience

- 2017 – Present Board Member, Hayward Arts Council, Hayward, CA
- 2017 – 2020 Board Member, A.R.T., Inc., Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 – 2017 Co-President, Hayward Arts Council, Hayward, CA
- 2015 – 2017 Curator, John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward City Hall, Hayward, CA
- 2014 – 2016 Curator of three venues, Baywood Court Community Center, Castro Valley, CA

Exhibitions

- 2021 **Group Exhibition**, *Art on the Rebound!*, A.R.T., Inc., Adode Gallery
Castro Valley, CA
- 2021 **Group Exhibition**, *Anything Goes*, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA
- 2021 **Group Exhibition**, *Art on the Rebound*, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro
Valley, CA
- 2021 **Group Exhibition**, *Pop Surrealism*, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA
- 2021 **Online Exhibition**, *Members' Show Winter 2021*, Hayward Arts
Council, Hayward, CA
- 2020 **Online Exhibition**, *PAL's Eleventh Annual Members Show*,
Pleasanton Art League, Pleasanton, CA
- 2020 **Online Exhibition**, *OSA Student/Teacher Show*, Oregon Society of
Artists, Portland, OR
- 2020 **Online Exhibition**, *Art in Place*, Harrington Gallery, Pleasanton, CA
- 2020 **Online Exhibition**, *A.R.T., Inc. Goes Viral, Member Exhibition 1*,
A.R.T., Inc., Castro Valley CA
- 2020 **Group Exhibition**, *2 by 6 Members Show*, Hayward Library Gallery,
Hayward, CA
- 2020 **Group Exhibition**, *TA DA!*, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *Hayward Arts Council Members Show*, John
O'Lague Galleria, Hayward, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *Artists Relaxing Together*, Lindsay Dirx Brown
Gallery, San Ramon, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *HAC 2019 Members Show*, Hayward Area
Historical Society, Hayward, CA
- 2019 **Group Exhibition**, *New Beginnings*, A.R.T., Inc. Members'
Exhibition, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *10th Annual Members' Show at the
Firehouse*, Harrington Gallery, Pleasanton, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Celebrate Heritage*, John O'Lague Galleria,
Hayward, CA
- 2018 **Two-Person Exhibition**, *Gerald and Winifred Thompson*, Lindsay
Dirx Brown Gallery, San Ramon, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *The View From Here*, Adobe Gallery, Castro
Valley, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Nature & Abstraction*, Alameda County Arts
Commission, Alameda County Administration Building, Oakland, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Members Show!*, Hayward Arts Council,
Hayward, CA
- 2018 **Group Exhibition**, *Anything Goes – Almost*, Adobe Gallery, Castro
Valley, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, *Arts & Letters*, Community Gallery, Hayward
Area Historical Society, Hayward, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition**, *Wake, Sleep, Repeat*, Adobe Gallery, Castro
Valley, CA

- 2017 **Group Exhibition, *Looking Forward***, Adobe Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2017 **Group Exhibition, *Imagination Expressed 2017***, Museum on Main, Pleasanton, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition, *7th Annual Fall Members' Exhibit at the Firehouse***, Harrington Gallery, Pleasanton, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition, *Spring Show***, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition, *People, Pets, and Places***, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition, *Landscapes, Brilliant in Light and Color***, John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward CA
- 2016 **Group Exhibition, *A.R.T., Inc. Members Show***, Adobe Art Center, Castro Valley CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *A.R.T., Inc. Members Show***, John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *Baywood Court Retirement Community***, Castro Valley, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *Employees Show***, Perforce Software, Alameda, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *Spring Members Show***, Foothill Gallery, Hayward, CA
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *Troubled Waters: Drought and Change***, Sun Gallery, Hayward, CA
- 2015 **Two-Person Exhibition, *82 Years of Art***, John O'Lague Galleria, Hayward, CA (with artist Doyle Wegner)
- 2015 **Group Exhibition, *A.R.T., Inc. Members Exhibit 2015***, Adobe Art Gallery, Castro Valley, CA
- 2014 **Group Exhibition, *New Members and Emerging Artists***, Foothill Gallery, Hayward, CA