

Artist Biography

Barbara Kletecka, Artist bkletecka

Inspiration to create comes in many forms: an experience, a sound, written words, music, nature. There's no end of sensory submergence that can occupy Barbara's mind, sometimes for days or weeks, before a cognitive thought emerges. Combine the inspiration with rumination of thought and add emotion – wonder, fear, anger, joy, disgust, peace. This driving need to express thought and emotion is the impetus that results in Barbara's striking displays on canvas.

Born in Chicago and of Czechoslovakian ancestry, Barbara first pursued her love of art by attending night classes at the Art Institute of Chicago. Additional formal education follows in the wake of where she and her family were living at the time: a Bachelor of Science degree in Art Education from the University of Oklahoma at Tulsa; a Bachelor of Science degree in Fine Arts and a Bachelor of Science degree in Design from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette; and coursework at Portland State University while living in Portland, Oregon.

Over the years, Barbara has lived in areas as remote as Terlingua in West Texas and as exotic as Subic City in the Philippines. She currently resides in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

As you peruse Barbara's shop, you'll realize that she intentionally chose not to name much of her work. Who knows better than an artist that the viewer is the primary owner of the work's expressive qualities, the work's meaning or its mood, and the thoughts and emotions the work communicates. The subjectivity of art allows for myriad of interpretations based on whomever is actively doing the beholding.

Few of the images are recognizable as a tangible object or a physical place; however, each piece is understood by Barbara and holds a place in her heart and memory. She is happy to speak personally with the buyer about individual pieces.

One more thought... as an unintended aftereffect of Barbara's style, every one of her works may be displayed in any direction.

Feel free to contact Barbara with any questions. Enjoy viewing the gallery!

About This Project

Barbara Kletecka:

“I was really happy with the biography that Kate did for me... She took a chore that I viewed as an impossibility and made it disappear with a quick call. It worked great for my online store! If I need more work done, I wouldn't hesitate to call her again.”

