

Penny Rodrick BIO

I am a mixed media artist and abstract painter. I grew up in Northern California. In high school, I was inspired and taught the fundamentals of composition, color, and design by acclaimed photorealist Ralph Goings. I continued to study art history and graphic arts in college.

In the 1980s, I was employed as a graphic artist and also worked freelance while raising my family in rural California. My graphic art experience has been and continues to be essential component a common thread in my work. I spent many years working in textile arts and mixed media construction. I used found objects, textiles, salvaged wood, and hardware to create two and three-dimensional pieces. I sold my work to private collectors from my studio.

In 1991 my home and the studio were destroyed in a wildfire, consuming all of my materials, supplies, sales records and many completed art pieces. It took several years to rebuild, however I continued to create and prosper.

I currently live in the Sierra foothills town of Nevada City, California with my husband and our Labrador retriever.

I'm excited and enthusiastic about exploring the expressive freedoms of abstract painting.