

# Luciano Monetti

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## Biography

Luciano Monteei grew up in Livorno, Italy, in the heart of the Tuscan region, and experienced the many hardships created during World War II. As a child in the mid-1940s, he began painting and would often bicycle into the country to paint the surrounding landscape. Perhaps it was in this tranquil setting that Luciano would make peace with the difficulties he had endured in his young life, and capturing the lovely scenes on canvas would offer a lasting memory of the solace he found there.

In 1961 Luciano moved to Portland, his wife Mary's hometown, where they started a family and he settled into a career in dental technology. Blessed with a beautiful family and a very successful career, Luciano continued to paint as often as time allowed. After selling his dental lab and retiring, (although he is still a part time instructor at OHSU Dental School), Luciano resumed painting with a great passion.

With an endless love for peaceful settings, Luciano's paintings often depict serene scenes found in nature. Using colors that range from bold primary reds, blues and yellows to softer hues of grays and brown, he captures each scene in a way that expresses his appreciation for the exquisite beauty he find in quiet places. More often than not, the tranquil scenes of Luciano's paintings leave the viewer with a peaceful feeling within and admiration for the way this artist expresses life's simply beauty on canvas.

## Exhibits

*His paintings have been in numerous exhibits over the years to help raise funds for charitable causes.*

2006 *Two Man Exhibition Studio Donatello Fine Art Gallery, Portland, OR*

2007 *Group Exhibition Studio Donatello Fine Art Gallery, Portland, OR*

2008 *Solo Exhibition Elite Style, Lake Oswego, OR*

His work can be found in homes and businesses throughout the United States and Europe.