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# Walter W. Nelson

# **Profile**

Photographer, painter, and sculptor for the last thirty years. Producer and photographer of multiple books. Creator and organizer of Abiquiu Workshops and Abiquiu Lecture Series. Serves as Board Member of Beth Block Foundation. Retraced Coronado's trail on horseback with Douglas Preston as documented in the New York Times Bestseller, "Cities of Gold"

# **Professional Experience**

ARTIST, 1979-PRESENT

PRODUCER & PHOTOGRAPHER, THE BLACK PLACE-TWO SEASONS, PRESENT Current body of work featuring photographs of landscape Georgia O'Keeffe painted. Includes a series of sculpture relief hand crushed earth paintings, wood sculpture relief oil painting: Dance of the Two Seasons, and other painting series including Origins of the Black Place. "The Black Place: Two Seasons" book published in 2014. Black Place photography is represented by Chiaroscuro Gallery in Santa Fe.

PHOTOGRAPHER, EBOOK RETRACING CORONADO'S TRAIL, 2013 Ebook with photographs taken of 1989 journey with Douglas Preston in "Cities of Gold" book. Traveled 7,000 miles on horseback retracing Coronado's original trail through the Southwest with Douglas J. Preston.

PHOTOGRAPHER, CITIES OF GOLD PROJECT, 1989. PHOTOGRAPHER, CITIES OF GOLD PROJECT, 1989

PRODUCER & PHOTOGRAPHER, RIBBONS OF TIME, 2006
Documented unexplored canyon and land of the Chihuahuan desert donated to
Midwestern State University by the late Dr. Walter W. Dalquest and his wife Rose

now known as the Dalquest Research Site used for the sole purpose of scientific research.

OWNER, PLATINUM PORTRAIT GALLERY, SANTA FE, NM 1995-2001 Traveled 7,000 miles on horseback retracing Coronado's original trail through the

# **Solo Exhibitions**

### 2014

The Black Place - Two Seasons, Chiaroscuro Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

The Black Place: Earth Paintings, Café Pasqual's Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

The Black Place – Two Seasons, Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, Tx

### 2013

Rising Moon Gallery, Abiquiu, NM

The Darwin Shrines featured in magazine, Stone Voices

### 2011

Graffiti on Aspen Trees- Nature vs Man, The McKinney Avenue Contemporary, Dallas, TX

### 2010

Trees, Greasewood Gallery, Marfa, TX

### 2009

The Darwin Shrines, (Artspace) at Untitled Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK 2008

Paintings, Sculpture, Sculpture Relief paintings, Galleria Arriba, Abiquiu, NM **2007** 

Night and Memories, War and Peace, International Women's Foundation, Marfa, TX Ribbons of Time, The University of Texas Museum at Arlington, Arlington, TX Shrines and Horses, Galleria Arriba, Abiquiu, NM

# 2006

Ribbons of Time, Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

Ribbons of Time, Front Street Books, Alpine, TX

Ribbons of Time, Verve Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM

Ribbons of Time, Highlands Gallery, Marfa, TX

Ribbons of Time, Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX **2003** 

Pilgrimage into Art, Fain Fine Art Center, Wichita Falls, TX

# 2002

A Sacred Journey, Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

### 2001

Impressions from Nature, Edmund Craig Gallery, Fort Worth, TX

### 1999

Trees, Rocks, Flowers, The Nelson Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1998

The Albuquerque Museum of Art, Albuquerque, NM

### 1997

Retracing Coronado in Search of the Cities of Gold, Platinum Portrait Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1996

Fine Arts Center, UNC, Colorado Springs, CO

# 1995

Expressions in Fine Art Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1994

Inner Visions, Fain Fine Art Center, Midwestern University, Wichita Falls, TX

Retrospective Exhibit, Hickory Street Annex, Dallas, TX

Spring Show, Platinum Plus Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

## 1992

The Center for Photographic Arts, Carmel, CA

Photographers Gallery, Palo Alto, CA

## 1991

Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

### 1989

Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX

Charles B. Goddard Center, Ardmore, OK

### 1987

Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

### 1985

Atrium Gallery, Indianapolis, IN

### 1984

Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

Picture Gallery, Tulsa, OK

Harris Gallery, Houston, TX

OK Harris Gallery, New York, NY

Scheinbaum & Russek Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

# 1983

Wichita Falls Art Museum, Wichita Falls, TX

# **Group Exhibitions**

### 2021

Inspired by the Land, Part II, Chiaroscuro Contemporary Art, Santa Fe, NM **2016** 

Twenty New Mexico Photographers, Edition One Gallery, Santa Fe, NM **2008** 

"Texas Oklahoma Art Prize", Wichita Falls Museum of Art, Wichita Falls, TX **2002** 

"From Different Points of View", Kemp Center For the Arts, Wichita Falls, TX **2001** 

"Boundless Ways of Seeing", Chaffee County Council of the Arts, Buena Vista, CO Candace Perich Gallery, Katonah, NY

### 2000

Plum Serpent Gallery, Santa Fe, NM Challenge New Mexico, Santa Fe, NM

### 1998

Paris Photo, Carrousel-Du Louvre, Paris, France

"Celebrating the American Farm", Candace Perich Gallery, Katonah, N.Y.

Shrine Show, Owens-Dewey Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Sacred Art, Sacred Stone Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1996

Fine Art Center, University of Colorado

### 1995

"The Red Hot Show", Texas Fine Art Association, Austin, TX

Shrine Show, Owings-Dewey Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM

"Critics Choice" Visual Art Center, Dallas, TX

### 1994

"Exquisite Corpse" Mac Contemporary, Dallas, TX

"Hats Off to Easel", Dallas, TX

Shrine Show, Owens-Dewey Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Spring Show, Platinum Plus Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1993

"Items and Image II", University of Dallas, Hagger Gallery, Dallas, TX

Shrine Show, Owings-Dewey Fine Arts, Santa Fe, NM

"Images & Time" Taipei International Exhibition of Photography Art 1992

Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1991

"The Best" Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

"A Sense of Place" Peyton Wright Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1990

Spirits Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Andrew Smith Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

"EXPO' 90" Osaka, Japan

### 1989

"Works on Paper" Gerald Peters Gallery, Dallas, TX

"The New Expeditionary Photographer", University of Oklahoma Museum, Norman, OK

### 1988

"Assemblages" Beverly Gordon Gallery, Dallas, TX

"My Summer Vacation" Crescent Gallery, Dallas, TX

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"A Texas Dozen" Moss Chumley Gallery, Dallas, TX

Gallery of Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA

"Zoomopalism" Dallas, TX

"City Fair" Texas Commerce Rotunda, Dallas, TX

Robert Koch Gallery, San Francisco, CA

### 1987

Scheinbaum & Russek Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1986

Ray Hughes Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Gallery of Fine Photography, New Orleans, LA

"Chiapas" LTV Center, Dallas, TX

Scheinbaum & Russek Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

### 1985

Phototropism, Fox and Fowle Architects, Inc., New York, NY

Texas Vision, Art League of Texas, Houston, TX

Amarillo Art Center, Amarillo, TX

Carancahua Gallery, Corpus Christi, TX

Tom Halstead Gallery, Birmingham, MI

Greg Grycner Gallery, Taos, NM

Susan Spiritus Gallery, Newport Beach, CA

Collections

Highlights Selections From Bank of America Corporation Collection

### 1984

Bank of America World Headquarters, Concourse Gallery

Central State University Museum of Art, Edmond, OK

Portfolio Gallery, Oklahoma City, OK

Scheinbaum & Russek Gallery, Santa Fe, NM

Hills Gallery, Denver, CO

Adams-Middleton Gallery, Dallas, TX

Afterimage Gallery, Dallas, TX

1983

Syracuse University, Syracuse, N

Syracuse University, Syracuse, NY Alternative Museum, New York, NY

# **Curatorial Experience**

"El Duende" (Remembering...Re-membering), Wichita Falls Art Museum, Wichita Falls, TX 1994

"Chiapas" LTV Center, Dallas, TX 1990

# **Private Collections**

Bank of America Corporation, American Express, Frito Lay Corporation, Oklahoma Arts Institute, The Southland Corporation, Texas Commerce Bankshares, Equitable Life Insurance Company, Seton Medical Center, Fireman's Fund Insurance, Gary Cunningham, Architect, Pacific Bell Telephone, Hurd Development, Coca Cola, Inc., IBM Corporation, E.F. Hutton, Graham Nash Collections, Texas Instruments, Stanford University Hospital, Alcoa, New Orleans Museum of Art, Republic Bankshares, The Gibson Company, Pepsi Inc., The Albuquerque Museum of Art, Oklahoma Museum of Fine Arts, Houston Museum of Fine Arts, Old Jail Art Center, Albany, TX, The Santa Fe Museum of Fine Art, The San Diego Museum of Photography, Balboa Park, CA.

# Education

Midwestern University, Bachelor of Science 1965 Texas A & M University, Studied Masters of Science 1965

# **Work In Progress**

Copper Canyon (Canyon De Cobre) Abiquiu, NM