

ENTREPRENEURSHIP SEMINARS



Joe Bennion

Joseph Bennion is a native of Utah. For the past 35 years he has lived and worked in Spring City, Utah with his wife Lee Udall Bennion, who is a painter. Joseph attended Tuscarora Pottery School and Brigham Young University where he earned a MFA in Ceramics. He has lectured and taught workshops in Japan, Europe, Canada, Jamaica and throughout the United States. His work, which is widely published, appears in numerous private and public collections in the US and abroad. He currently operates Horseshoe Mountain Pottery and works seasonally as a Grand Canyon river guide.

Lee Udall Bennion

Born 1956, in Merced, California, Lee Udall Bennion moved to Utah in 1974 to study art at Brigham Young University. In 1976, she married fellow student, ceramist Joseph Bennion, and moved to the rural setting of Spring City, Utah. She has raised three daughters and is active in the family-oriented life of Spring City. Over three decades Lee has been energetically involved in both church and community activities, along with developing her painting career.

In 1986, she earned a BFA in painting at BYU. She has received numerous honors and awards, most notably the Utah Arts Council fellowship in 1988. Her work is owned by art museums and by many private collectors throughout the west.

Lee enjoys an active outdoor life in the context of her home on its small farm-like lot and also the mountains and hills near her home. This involves gardening, animal husbandry, hiking, or riding her horses, as well as backpacking and river running the desert canyons found in southern Utah and Arizona. The feelings generated by interaction with the animals and places she loves and visits are communicated in her paintings by the rich, intense colors of her landscapes, even more than by the pictorial elements. Her husband Joe believes the objects Lee sees with her eyes are "transferred as visual information through the conduit of her soul."