

Bruce Thompson is a landscape artist and environmental scientist living in the Edmonton area. As a scientist, he has worked throughout Canada and in many other parts of the world, including Africa, Southeast Asia and Latin America. For the last 20 years, he has been active in providing environmental training and technical support to First Nations and Métis communities in northern Alberta and British Columbia, as well as in planning urban spaces. He began painting after moving to Alberta, where he was greatly inspired by the wide open spaces and beautiful skies. He combines his love of the outdoors in both his art and his environmental work. Bruce has been active in teaching art, particularly at the Glenrose Rehabilitation Hospital in Edmonton.

As ICPM's volunteer artist in residence, Bruce has given two series of eight workshops that provide an introduction to painting with watercolours. Held at the Bissell Centre, the workshops are for anyone who has an interest in art and painting, and will introduce participants to the methods, materials and process of painting with watercolours.