Ellen Brook

Born in Cleveland, Ohio, in 1963, **Ellen Brook** found her way to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1997. After calling many cities and towns 'home' and traveling extensively she began her artistic journey in California. Investigations into consciousness and meditation paralleled her introduction to painting.

After a career in investor and corporate communications, Ellen reoriented her life to focus on her art. While largely self-taught, she has supplemented her self-education with art classes, workshops and privately. Ellen holds a B.A. from Duke University and an M.P.A. from the Monterey Institute of International Studies and is largely self-taught artistically. She has supplemented her self-education with painting, drawing and collage classes and workshops.

In addition to her art practice, Ellen also designs and creates original, hand-made women's clothing on silk. Her artwork has been exhibited in solo and group shows and her artwork and clothing have been recognized in Fiber Arts Now Magazine and in *FashionArt SantaCruz 2013*.

She now resides and maintains her studio just south of San Francisco.