

Walter Emerson Baum

Date of Birth: 12/14/1884

Place of Birth: Sellersville, Pa

Date of Death: 7/12/1956 (Age 72)

Place of Death: Sellersville, Pa

Discipline(s): Painter, Printmaker, Critic (Philadelphia Bulletin)

Biography: One of the few Pennsylvania impressionists born in Bucks County, Walter Emerson Baum painted the Pennsylvania landscape in the styles of impressionism and American realism. Having lived his whole life in Sellersville, Baum was described as the man "who discovered the beauty of Main Street." Baum worked en plein air, painting snow scenes outdoors from nature even in the worst winter storms.

He studied at the Pennsylvania Academy of Fine Arts under Daniel Garber, William Trego and Thomas Anshutz, winning the Jennie Sesnan gold medal in 1925. He founded and directed the Allentown Museum of Art, the Kline-Baum Art School in Allentown, and the Bucks county Traveling Art Gallery.

Baum worked as art editor and critic for the Philadelphia Evening and Sunday Bulletin and wrote a book, Two Hundred Years, about the Pennsylvania Germans.

Artwork:

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