

Lloyd "Bill" Raymond Ney

Date of Birth: 03/08/1893

Place of Birth: Friedensburg, Pennsylvania

Date of Death: 05/10/1965 (Age 72)

Place of Death: New Hope, Pennsylvania

Discipline: Painter, Sculptor

Biography: Lloyd "Bill" Raymond Ney was a modernist painter of the abstract. He studied at the Industrial School of Art and the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia, afterwards recalling that "it took me twenty years to forget the scars from five years in an art school."

After serving in World War I, he traveled to Europe in 1920 on the Cresson award money he won in 1917 and lived in Paris for five years amidst the vibrant Left Bank art scene. In 1925 he moved to New Hope, where he would live for forty years, painting and working odd jobs in order to avoid the pressure of creating salable art.

He invested in real estate, hoping to initiate in New Hope an art scene to rival the one in Paris. After some controversy, Ney was commissioned to paint the first abstract murals in a government post office, which was located in New London, Ohio. A non-objective painter, Ney exhibited his work internationally. He also taught painting locally and nationally, attempting to reform art education.

Artwork:

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