

THE ONE BARREL AT A TIME CO-OP

Bruce Toth

Bruce Toth was born on the island of Cuba in 1957. The son of a Navy mechanic, he has lived most of his adult life in NJ. He began drawing at an early age, having his first published piece in his junior high school yearbook at the age of 13. After a tour in the Navy, he settled down to raise a family always keeping some sort of artwork in the back of his head. Traveling to Florida in the early 1990's he met an "Old School" pinstriper, "Pollock Joe" who taught him the lost art of Von Dutch style lines. These simple basic lines are the foundation of a lot of his artwork today.

He is always continuing his study of illustration with courses at Mercer County Community College, and a less traditional "apprenticeship" with an area tattoo artist. He has incorporated tattoo art into his style and is currently the founder of The Scratcher Social Club, a network of tattoo artist who work outside of the traditional shop environment. Some of the best tattoo artist in the country started working out of their kitchens to learn the art of tattooing. The social club is a networking tool to learn from each other. He has been involved with Artworks since the inception of its 24-hour art event, "Art All Night-Trenton." Serving as the curator, this project is a community outreach designed to promote a love of art in all disciplines for all ages.

Bruce chose to do a traditional koi design on his rain barrel. The design includes two koi wrapped around the whole barrel. In the background are Chinese kanji for water and long life.

