

Museum of Northwest Art

Tom Bucknell grew up at the headwaters of the Skagit River, attended Concrete High School and Skagit Valley Junior College and later graduated from University of Washington (U of W), concluding with his Juris Doctorate degree from the U of W School of Law.

He practiced law in Seattle for over 40 years in three different law firms, each of which he formed as a founding partner. Tom specialized in complex, commercial, litigation and the reorganization of troubled businesses for most of his career. He is now "semi-retired" and together with his wife, Carla, reside in La Conner, Washington. Tom has served as a trustee and Vice President of MoNA for the past six years.

Together with Carla he has supported the museum for many years in various ways, including participation in auctions, Carla is an accomplished artist and a frequent donor of her artwork for sale in the auction. Tom and Carla have traveled extensively and spend a considerable amount of time in France where they investigate and enjoy the vibrant European art scene.

In Tom's words, "We find Mona an ideal opportunity to explore and appreciate two of our true loves-- nature and beautiful art. My personal goal is to spread the reach of the museum to include all diverse Northwestern cultures, artistic styles and expressions. It's a privilege to be involved."