

ROLAND LEE:

Roland Lee and his wife Nellie were both born and raised in Los Angeles, California and grew up in the same ward in West Covina. They became close friends in High School and were married in the Los Angeles temple

when Roland graduated from BYU in 1971. After having their first child, Roland left his job as an award-winning California illustrator and designer and they started a new life in St. George, Utah, moving

into a small house near the Temple. Roland's own ancestors Samuel Lee and Orin Nelson Woodbury were among the original pioneers called to settle Dixie by Brigham Young in 1861. Another ancestor Sophia Fryer Geary was the last of the Willie/Martin handcart pioneers to enter Salt Lake Valley in 1856.



Roland has enjoyed a successful art career. As owner of Ink Well Advertising agency he was art director for many local clients including SkyWest Airlines when they only ran a few Navajo Chieftan airplanes. He later sold his ad agency and taught art full time at Dixie College before becoming one of the founders and serving as art director for St. George Magazine,

After selling St. George magazine and his publishing company Publishers Place, he began devoting full time to landscape painting. He and his wife Nellie together ran the Roland Lee Art Gallery in Ancestor Square for 8 years. Roland now paints full-time and exhibits his work at different art galleries and art shows. His paintings are in over 950 collections and he has been featured in several magazines, including "European Homes and Gardens magazine," "The Artist's Magazine", and "The Ensign" magazine of the LDS Church. Roland just completed two historical murals for the new Washington County Library and serves on the Public Arts commission of St. George. He is also on the Board of Directors of Zion Natural History Association at Zion National Park.

While living in Dammeron Valley for 15 years, Roland served as Bishop of the Veyo ward from 1988 to 1993 and then served as stake executive secretary in the St. George West Stake. Nellie and Roland served a full-time proselyting mission to Fresno California where they had a wonderful experience with the Latino people. Roland is currently volunteer director of the Church-sponsored "Daily Dose" English language program for Latinos conducting twice-weekly conversational classes.

Roland and Nellie now live in a town home by the St. George Temple where Roland is on the High council of the St. George East Stake and Nellie is Primary president of the St. George 4th Ward. They also own a second home in Highland, Utah. They are the parents of five married children and have been blessed with 15 fabulous and entertaining grandchildren.