

Nike Parton

“That’s my primary interest - expressing the beauty of nature so people won’t destroy it.”

“I paint a lot of what I believe in.”

- *Nike Parton*

Nationally renowned exceptional artist, a legend in the art world and mentor. A New York native, Nike came to Sarasota in the 1950’s to study at the Ringling School of Art & Design. She has taught at the Manatee Art League. Her focus was primarily on landscape paintings and portraits, along with some glasswork and sculpture.

Her vibrant paintings of nature, particularly in the Southwest Florida region is a common theme in her artwork. She has a great eye for the natural beauty of Florida and had always loved painting the Florida trees. She sort of glories in these blossoming trees. Her spirit comes through in her paintings. Painting was a way of life for her. She painted everyday giving up everything to have that opportunity.

A Sarasota artist “a fixture in the community” Listed in the “personalities of the South”; Who’s Who in Art”. Her artwork has been included in permanent collections at the University of Florida, Stetson University, and the Encyclopedia Britannica Educational Corporation.