

Bob Ross



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Early years

Date of birth: October 29, 1942

Place of birth: Daytona Beach, FL

*Family members: Ollie Ross [mother] Jack Ross
[father] Jim Ross [brother]*

Early years [cont.]

Country he was raised in: United States

Interesting fact about childhood: Ross was always working at the workshop than at school. He dropped out of school in the ninth grade to work at his fathers workshop.

Education

Schools attended: Elizabeth Forward High School, and Eielson Air Force Base (where he first got into painting)



Adult-Early years

Bob Ross was enlisted in the Air Force and was moved to Alaska.

He didn't have a choice on where he went.

Early years

Bob Ross had a predecessor by the name of Bill Alexander.

Bill Alexander also influenced Ross's painting style.



Personal life

Steve Ross: Son (August 9, 1966)

Lynda Brown: Ex spouse (May 31, 1950-April 14, 2012)

Vivian Ridge: Ex spouse (1924-1986)

Jane Ross: Wife (January 26, 1942-August 1, 1992)

First works of Art

Bob Ross's first painting "A Walk in the Woods" was the first painting he became known for which was aired on his show "The Joy of Painting". In the very beginning the first episode did not get much attention. In the first episode it was the very first time he used the "Wet on Wet" technique, which he later on became famous for.

First works of Art [cont.]

“A Walk in the Woods”



Style

Bob Ross was a part of an art movement called “alla prima” which has been around since the 16th century. His goal was to provide a ‘family like’ style to make viewers feel more at home. Bob Ross used oil paintings to produce realistic nature paintings.

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“alla prima” was also known as “wet on wet” which allowed Ross to complete paintings in less than a hour. This technique has been popular since before the sixth century. Two other artists that used this technique were Diego Velazquez and Frans Hals.

Works - famous

Bob Ross did not have one particular famous painting. Some of the more popular paintings are “The dark and the light”, “Home is where the heart is”, and “All in the family”. The majority of Ross’s paintings are stored at the Virginia headquarters of Bob Ross Inc.

Works - famous [cont.]

The story of all of Ross's paintings is that they were made on his show "The Joy of Painting". While he doesn't have a most famous painting and there's no information about when certain ones were made, the show was first aired on January 11, 1983. All of his mediums were oil paintings and the movement was "alla prima". The canvas he always used was a standard 18" by 24" stretched and double primed

Critique

There is something about Bob Ross' calm composure and optimistic outlook. His serene, hypnotic, dulcet tone filled with warmth, makes you feel so inclined towards listening to him while he paints those happy little trees and rocks is assiduous. The way how he explains about life, that mistakes are just happy little accidents is priceless. A little notch of humour while cleaning up his brushes, he says and I quote - "Beating the devil out of it" is a sheer display of fun in artistry.

-Rachith Kumar

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My critique

In my opinion, Ross's work is amazing and inspiring. His paintings were nothing short of breathtaking. The way he demonstrated and taught people of all ages how to paint and showed anyone can paint is inspiring.

Other works

My favorite bob ross painting is called “Art on the Rocks”.



Importance

Ross popularized a historical painting technique called “wet on wet”. He influenced millions of painters.



Odd facts

Bob Ross was very popular in japan.

He kept an alligator in his bathtub as a kid.

He hated his perm.

He was missing part of his left index finger.

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Student Name

