Artist Bio: Erica Klopf

Erica Klopf was raised in a nautical gift shop and marine supplies store in old Naples in the late 1980s-1990s. She has a deep appreciation for the forgotten ways of maritime culture, as well as the stories of Southwest Florida's native and wild landscapes. In her work, she seeks to evoke memories of the past, through distantly familiar colorful motifs and textural nostalgia.



Erica's professional study of ceramics began in 2004 at Studio Art Centers International in Florence, Italy. She studied painting for two years at Savannah College of Art and Design before transferring to Florida Gulf Coast University where she finished undergraduate degrees in art and environmental studies.

She was celebrated in Florida Gulf Coast University's 20-year anniversary Alumni Art Show and in FGCU's 20th anniversary Pinnacle Magazine profiling 20 alumni entrepreneurs. After a decade working in landscape design and horticulture, she returned to a career in fine art. In addition to BIG ARTS, she is also an instructor at Tribby Arts Center as well as the Cape Coral Art Center.

In her free time, she volunteers in the galleries at the Sidney and Berne Davis Art Center, works in her home garden of over 200 species of edible and medicinal plants, or spends time on her 43' antique sailboat.

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