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DESIGNER, PAINTER, PLAY DIRECTOR A Texas native, Sharon was born in Ft. Worth and grew up in Grapevine, Texas. She moved to North Carolina in 1970 where she and her husband of 57 years, Mac Harris, lived before moving in 1998 to Citrus County, Fl.

A 1973 graduate of Appalachian State University, she graduated Summa Cum Laude with a Bachelor's degree in Industrial and Fine Arts. Sharon is a mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who pursued a career in Architecture as a business owner and general contractor, then in 1993 retired to concentrate on her art.

Art was a childhood interest for Sharon that continued throughout her adult life, where she achieved recognition as a clay sculptor and painter who exhibited from the North Carolina Museum of Art to regional art exhibitions across North Carolina and Florida. Her paintings and clay works are held in private collections in North and South Carolina, Texas, Oklahoma, New Hampshire and Florida.

After moving to Citrus County, she served as Vice President and then for six terms as President of the Art Center of Citrus County. During her presidency she dedicated her business skills toward building a state-of-the-art community theatre and renovating the existing, 1984 visual arts building located on the four-acre campus. The theatre was completed in 2003 and the Visual Arts Building was renovated in 2007.

Since then she has served as a director of plays and musicals, expanded the Art Center's education program, is currently the President of the Ocala Art Group and a member of the board for Acrylic Painters USA. She works in a studio at her home and instructs others in drawing and painting in acrylics at the Art Center of Citrus County.