

ARKANSAS BLACK HISTORY



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Barbara Ann Higgins Bond is a painter and illustrator from Little Rock (Pulaski County). She works under the professional name Higgins Bond and her work is known for depicting the history and struggles of African Americans. Higgins Bond graduated from the Memphis College of Art in Tennessee with a B.F.A. in advertising design. After meeting her husband and having their son, Higgins Bond opted to do freelance work, including commissions from Anheuser-Busch, Inc., Calhoun's Collectors Society, The Bradford Exchange and The Hamilton Collection. Outside of commissions, Higgins Bond's work has been featured in solo and group exhibitions, most notably at the Metropolitan Museum of Art (New York City), Hunter College (New York City) and the DuSable Museum of African American History (Chicago). Higgins Bond has also illustrated over 40 books, with many of those books winning awards like the Multicultural Exchange Book Award of Excellence and the Parents' Choice Approval Seal. The work of Higgins Bond can be seen around Arkansas in many public collections, including the collection at Mosaic Templars Cultural Center.

