## BIOGRAPHY OF LOUISE BROOKS

Louise Brooks, a native Anguillian artist, has been interested in fine art since primary school days. She attended the St. Kitts Teachers Training College where art was one of her favourite subjects. She later attended the M.I.C.O. College in Jamaica where she did a two year course specializing in art and craft, obtaining a university diploma. She has also obtained a M.Ed in Advance Studies in Education at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland. Louise first taught art in the primary schools and is now teaching at the Albena Lake Hodge Comprehensive School.

Louise considers herself more at an impressionist artist who sees art as a living beauty. Her paintings of the natural scenes around us reveal the calm and serene beauty of her island home. Louise works hard to bring out the natural beauty of the seascapes and landscapes of Anguilla in her work and has developed an undying love for the things of the past. This is reflected in the many natural and cultural scenes and traditional old houses that she finds so much joy in painting.

Louise works mainly in acrylic but has done some work in oil and water colour. She has taken part in many group exhibitions including the Anguilla International Art Festival- a biannual art competition staged in Anguilla. She has attended many Art Symposiums in the Caribbean including 'Carib Art' in Curacao, the Caribbean Festival of Arts Carifesta, 'Art Expo' in St Maarten and many more.

Louise is the proud owner and sole artist at the renowned Alak Art Gallery in Shoal Bay together with a few other subsidiaries on the island and overseas. Her work graces many government buildings and homes locally and further afield.

Her wish is to see art in the form of mural and sculptures become a greater part of our National Pride as it is showcased in and around prominent places in Anguilla.