

Georgia O'Keeffe

1887 - 1986

Georgia Totto O'Keeffe was born on 15th November 1887 in Wisconsin, USA. She had 6 brothers and sisters. Her mother always supported her in her love of art.

She went to The Chicago Institute of Art to first study. She later continued studying art in New York. She also studied in Virginia and Columbia.

Eventually Georgia went on to teach art to others.

Georgia began painting close up views of flowers. She used oil paints in vibrant, bold colours. She thought painting the flowers at such a close range makes the viewer see the object in a completely different way.

Alongside painting flowers Georgia was also interested in landscapes - the scenery around the places she visited. She enjoyed looking at rocks, animal bones and dry, sunny scenes.

Georgia began to lose her eyesight in 1972 but still continued to paint a few pictures during that year.

Georgia died in 1986 aged 98 years old.

Georgia is thought of being a pioneer of art. There is a museum called 'The Georgia O'Keeffe Museum' in Santa Fe. It has over 3000 pieces of her artwork in.

