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Edward L. Loper Sr.



Edward Loper, Sr. was born on the East Side of Wilmington on April 7, 1916. From 1936–1941, Loper worked for the Works Progress Administration (WPA) Art Project, which was a New Deal program designed to provide work for unemployed artists. He spent the 1940s in Wilmington, painting many iconic Delaware landscapes and cityscapes still recognizable today. Loper is one of Delaware’s most celebrated cultural figures. He was an artist known for a palette of vibrant colors that would reflect the world around him.

Today his paintings can be found in many of the nation’s most prestigious art collections such as the Philadelphia Art Museum, Howard University, or the Clark–Atlanta University Collection of African American Art. Locally, Loper’s paintings are found in the collections of the Delaware Art Museum, the Biggs Museum, the University of Delaware’s Paul R. Jones Collection of African American Art, and private collections. ([Hagley](#) & [Delaware Historical Society](#))



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