

Phil Ponder, a visual historian, has spent the past 40+ years documenting historic structures in Nashville and Middle Tennessee. He has also painted points of interest across the United States and around the globe. Ponder is best-known for his limited edition prints of skylines and famous buildings. His unique style is accomplished through a combination of pen and ink/watercolor techniques, emphasizing great detail and warmth of color.

Ponder is a civic leader, active in many community activities, nonprofits and civic organizations, having served as president of several of them. He served eight years as District 12 Councilman for Metro Nashville (1995-2003), 12 years on the Metro Planning Commission, and 10 years on the staff Fifth District Congressman Jim Cooper (2004-2014).

Ponder was raised in Florida, graduated from the University of Florida in 1955, and completed three-and-a-half years in the U.S. Navy in 1959. He moved to Nashville to work at Genesco in various management positions for 30 years. Art - which started as a hobby - became a second career.

Ponder and his wife, Dot, have been married 65 years. They have four children and eight grandchildren.