

Artist Corner

Jeanette MacMillan Pruiss

By Pat MacMillan

Jeanette is a native Cincinnati. She graduated from Deaconess Hospital School of Nursing as a Registered Nurse in 1943 and earned a Bachelor of Arts degree (Cum Laude) from Edgecliff College in 1971, majoring in art. She learned weaving over 45 years ago at the Cincinnati Art Museum under Hazel Walters Keethler and has been commissioned to weave hangings, tapestries, and liturgical textiles for several area corporations and churches (Church of the Redeemer and the Marjorie P. Lee Retirement Community Chapel in Hyde Park). Other commissions included Senco Products in Newtown, Mercy Hospital (Clermont) and Jewish Hospital in Cincinnati as well as in Indiana, Pennsylvania, and Florida. She was a founding partner of Peach Mountain Studio, a weaving, spinning and knitting shop in Madeira, and taught textile arts for 21 years at Edgecliff College. Jeanette was President of the Weaver's Guild of Greater Cincinnati from 1959-61.

Jeanette and Dr. Bruce MacMillan originally lived at 609 Amherst from 1957-1972, where they raised two sons, John and Gregg. In 1972, Jeanette and Bruce moved to Clifton to be closer to the medical facilities. After Bruce's death in 1985, Jeanette was drawn back to Terrace Park and purchased the house on Oxford. She met her next door neighbor, Carl Pruiss, at a neighborhood Christmas Party and they were married in March of 1987.

Although Jeanette retired from commission work in 2001, she continues to exercise her creativity. Jeanette and Carl share an interest in woodcarving and attend weekly classes at the Sycamore Senior Center. To further their carving skills, they also travel to West Virginia to attend classes. Jeanette has also created numerous quilts for her family and is currently designing and creating quilted wall hangings.

Jeanette and Carl were instrumental in the building survey project. In order to keep a historical record of the buildings in the Village, they took over 800 photographs of all the buildings in Terrace Park. The photographs can be seen on the survey website (www.tpsurvey.org). The originals are on file at the TPHS office at St. Thomas Church. The office is open on Thursdays between the hours of 1:00-4:00 P.M.