



Jeanette Crew

A native of Goodwater, Alabama, Jeanette Crew has lived in Montevallo since 1962, when she came to teach in the Physical Education Department at Alabama College (now the University of Montevallo). She retired from the University of Montevallo in 1991.

She graduated from Judson College with a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Physical Education and went on to do graduate work in the same field at the University of Tennessee. During her graduate work at Tennessee she pursued her interest in dance, taking as many courses and lessons as possible. She studied dance in Birmingham, Utah, and New York. Upon graduation from the University of Tennessee, she taught first at Berry College before taking a faculty position at the University of Montevallo, where she taught dance, swimming, and tennis.

Although she had been interested in painting for some time, she did not actively pursue this interest until her retirement. She says that she chose watercolor because of its transparent quality and because she wanted to challenge herself in this difficult medium. Her paintings reflect a diverse color palette from vibrant purple and crimson to grays, browns, and soft pastels.

Ms. Crew's talent as a gifted watercolorist is evident in her many works on display here in the Parnell Gallery.

--Sandy Herrin Swindall

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