

Leisure Worlder

OF THE MONTH

ELAINE LEVY

Elaine Levy is a bright, enthusiastic, charming individual dedicated to bringing an expanded understanding of great paintings to the residents of Leisure World through her course of slide-lectures entitled, "Enjoyment of Painting."

An artist of no small talent herself, and a certified teacher in New York State and with permanent teaching credentials in California, Mrs. Levy continues to enlighten the lives of her students with humor, intellect and a great fund of knowledge on the subject of painting.

She received a B.A. Degree from Hunter College and a Master's Degree from Teacher's College at Columbia University. She also studied at Florence Cane School of Art, Adelphi University and at the Instituto Allende, San Miguel D'Allende, Mexico.

She has taught at Long Island University, Brooklyn, New York; Bentley School, New York City; Brandeis School, Lawrence, New York; Yeshivah of Central Queens, Jamaica, New York; New York Public Schools and Nassau County Public Schools on Long Island, New York.

Her professional memberships include Los Angeles County Museum of Art, Art Guild of Leisure World, Laguna Hills Art Assn., Long Island Art Teachers Association, National Art Education Association, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Museum of Modern Art in New York City. Recently a lecture script which she prepared has been purchased for use by the Slide Library of the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York.

Before coming to Leisure World a little over a year ago, Mrs. Levy worked for four years for Xerox Corporation as an educational consultant. She applied for the job along with 5,000 others. From that number 250 applications were sent out by the company. They were screened and 75 were interviewed. Out of the 75, a dozen, all women, were hired, and she was among that group.

In this capacity she took educational material including periodicals, paper backs, micro fiche and regular film, text book material and other learning tools into schools in the New York City area where her contact was with either the Superintendent of Schools or the Curriculum Coordinator. The first year she was No. 1 in the country in sales and the second year she won a nationwide contest. As a result of this success, she was made exhibit representative, traveling throughout the United States giving demonstrations and selling materials to educational groups and at conventions.

Now, Leisure World activities occupy her entire energies. In addition to her painting, when she has a free morning or afternoon one may find her playing table tennis, cooking, swimming, gardening, playing bridge, Scrabble, indulging in her hobby of astronomy or making artistic contributions locally. But most deeply she is involved in teaching as part of Leisure World's Adult Education program.

A very special kind of chemistry exists between Elaine Levy and people . . . an enviable rapport that has no explanation other than the fact that the lives of those who know her are greatly enriched.