

Susan Tarrant '69

Susan earned a BA in art education from St. Mary-of-the-Woods College in Indiana. She then moved to Texas to work for the Brownsville Independent School District where she taught for thirty-two years before retiring. She was Fine Arts Chair and Director of the Fine Arts Magnet Program. Over the years, she nurtured many students in the love of the arts. Because of her influence, many pursued careers as artists or became art teachers themselves. Susan has conducted numerous workshops throughout the Rio Grande Valley, served as a judge at art competitions, and held office in the Texas Art Education Association. An accomplished artist herself, Susan has received many ribbons for her own work. In August, she will present a one woman art show at D'Arte Centre in Harlingen, Texas.

Susan has served the community in several ways. She worked with the Lions Club on their annual charity shows to raise money to send handicapped children to Lions' Camp. Active in her church, Susan is a lector and Eucharistic Minister. She has been a member of the liturgy committee and has designed vestments. She is the historian and scrapbook keeper for the local retired teachers group, and in 2014, was recognized as Honored Member of the Year.

Susan shared, "My education at the Villa and the Woods prepared me to be a successful and caring teacher of the students entrusted to me over the years. I also cherish the many people that have come into my life through these special places."