



The Way I See It...

The next *Tuesdays With Kelly*, **July 19 at noon** will feature the children of the late Priscilla Cooper Scott Crommelin: her daughter, Priscilla Crommelin Ball who is the Executive Director of Alabama River Region Ballet School and her son, retired Lt. Colonel Quentin C. Crommelin, Jr. They will reminisce, share the way they see their mother's art and answer questions. Mrs. Ball will bring her mother's easel and her palette so the tools of an artists can be examined.

Although Mrs. Crommelin was born in 1919 in Savannah, Georgia, she spent her childhood in Alabama. She married U. S. Navy Lt. Quentin Claiborne Crommelin in 1943. After her husband's retirement, they made their home at Toulouse Plantation in Wetumpka after living in Europe and the Middle East.

In 1976, Mrs. Crommelin co-chaired the Wetumpka Bientennial Committee and was instrumental in the establishment, naming, and early development of Wetumpka's Gold Star Park and its surrounding Coosa Riverfront. She was notably active in many arts organizations but was most passionate about The Montgomery Ballet of which she was president from 1973-1975.

Mrs. Crommelin, who died in 2010, had a prestigious career in art as a painter. She trained initially under Charles Shannon in Montgomery and at the Art Students' League in New York and ultimately was elected a Member of L'Academie Cultural de France. In 1985, she had a solo exhibition at the Montgomery Museum of Fine Arts and now over 65 of her paintings can be viewed at the Kelly Fitzpatrick Memorial Gallery (KFMG).

As you arrive at The Kelly (KFMG) located at 408 South Main Street in Wetumpka, Alabama, Mary Wolfe will play patriotic music on her pocket violin. Refreshments Co-ordinator, Sandra Hill, will have drinks and desserts so bring your sack lunch to this **free** program on **Tuesday, July 19 at noon**. The door prize is two tickets to the Wetumpka Depot's play, *Calendar Girls*, so be sure to sign in with Ed and Barbara Montoya.

This "Lunch and Learn" event is part of the exhibition: *Priscilla Cooper Scott Crommelin, Life and Work*. The exhibition, sponsored by the City of Wetumpka, Priscilla & Dickie Ball, Beth & Spencer Coleman, Lt. Col. Quentin C. Crommelin, Jr., Lynda & Dennis Fain, and Sylvia & Chick McConnell, features still life and floral paintings, portraits of family and friends and landscapes from home and abroad. The exhibit is on-going until September 21st and is free and open to the public. The hours are 8:00 am – 4:30 pm Monday through Friday. Closed holidays.