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Art educator Edna Love recognized for nurturing creativity in all ages.

83-year-old Pulaski, VA resident honored in national "Splendid Seniors Among Us" program recognizing people whose post-65 activities can inspire others at all ages.

NASHVILLE, TN— Instead of seeing retirement as a time for rest and relaxation, Edna Love sees it as an opportunity to continue her life's work. For opening up an art gallery and school in her home town and continuing her work with art education after retirement, Pearlson Press is honoring the 83-year-old Virginia native as its "Splendid Senior Among Us" for September 2007.

After a fulfilling career as a wife, mother, and art teacher in Pulaski, Virginia, Mrs. Love retired from the classroom. A few years later she decided to continue educating others about the importance and benefits of art, and in November 1992 opened The Art Place in her hometown of Chilhowie, VA

Since that time Mrs. Love has made the hour-long commute to Chilhowie from Pulaski twice a week to run The Art Place, which is the only business of its kind in the area.

"It was a great way for me to continue meeting people and continue my interests in furthering the arts," Mrs. Love says.

In addition to featuring a different artist in its gallery every month, The Art Place offers art classes for children and adults in media such as stained glass, pottery, drawing, and painting.

"You never outgrow art, and you can always learn," Mrs. Love says. "Art is ageless. You can participate in art at any age, from the time you start scribbling."

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Mrs. Love continues teaching classes at The Art Place as she nears her 84th birthday in October, and occasionally conducts art classes and workshops though out the country.

Mrs. Love has also lent a hand to other institutions in Virginia. When Evelyn Lawrence (the June 2007 “Splendid Seniors Among Us” honoree) was opening her Mount Pleasant Heritage Museum in Marion, Virginia in 2006, Mrs. Love offered her time and experience, and helped Mrs. Lawrence arrange and display the museum’s exhibits.

“It is truly amazing what Edna has done for this region,” Mrs. Lawrence says.

As the “Splendid Senior Among Us” honoree for September 2007, Mrs. Love receives a certificate and an autographed copy of *Splendid Seniors: Great Lives, Great Deeds* by Jack Adler, an original trade paperback published by Pearlson Press in March 2007. *Splendid Seniors* celebrates 52 men and women through history who accomplished great things after age 65.

Pearlson Press is sponsoring the year-long “Splendid Seniors Among Us” program in conjunction with publication of Adler’s book in order to honor seniors who are living inspirations. To nominate someone for the “Splendid Seniors Among Us” program, which runs through February 2008, see the Pearlson Press website at www.pearlson.com.

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