

Edna Manley to receive photographic album

The Presentation of a Photographic Album, containing the major works of Edna Manley will be presented to her at a private reception on Sunday, at 7 p.m. at the Mutual Life Gallery, a news release said.

Recognised as one of the stalwarts of Jamaican art, Edna Manley's long and remarkable career, spanning six decades has produced numerous works chiefly

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sculpture. Her dedication and contribution to art has somewhat made her a 'forerunner' in every sense of the word. It remains to say that the beginning of the Jamaican Art Movement emerged from the arrival of this gifted artist.

The Album which was compiled and published by June Girvan-Feldman will also make the presentation. Her deep interest in the arts, led her to prepare this Album as a tribute to Mrs. Manley. However, much of the inspiration and idea derived mainly from Mrs. Manley herself and Albert Huie who incidentally at the age of 16 came under the attention and circle of Mrs. Manley.

June Girvan-Feldman, a Jamaican presently resident in Ottawa for the past 25 years, arrived in Jamaica two years ago accompanied by a photographer from the national Museum in Ottawa. Initially they did some amount of research which eventually led into the photography of just about all of Mrs. Manley's work at both the National Gallery and private collections.

Surprisingly enough the presentation will coincide with Mrs. Manley's recent 85th birthday celebrations; The function will also signify the launching of the Album which is expected to become available in Jamaica as well as the United States and Canada.