

K & KIWI NEWS

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We have a small group, but we do have a lot of camaraderie... We get together once a month for visits to many interesting places around Kansas City. Afterward, we go to lunch at various restaurants around town. Always have fun!

In January we went to the NELSON ART MUSEUM and toured a splendid exhibit of "Railway Paintings" collected from all over the world...four of which were Claude Monet's paintings! Our lunch was in the Rozelle Court (a beautiful enclosed courtyard in the Museum).

In February we toured a Preview Showing of the 100-year-old NELLY DON ESTATE, which will be decorated for the Kansas City Symphony "Designer Showhouse" in April. ("Nelly Don" was a young lady from a small town in Kansas, who started out in 1920 by selling aprons door to door. She moved to Kansas City and began a manufacturing business which became the largest DRESSMAKING EMPIRE in the world!! Her housedresses were very popular during the 1930s and 1940s. Her original name was Alice Donnelly, which she renamed her business logo as: "Nelly Don Designs". It is a large part of KC history in the downtown Garment District. Afterward, we had a wonderful luncheon at ANDRE'S, a Swiss Restaurant.

FYI: Our former President, **Ann Polka**, and I were in the SAME Stewardess Class graduating in July, 1955 at Midway in Chicago! We have attended many Conventions that the Kiwis have had over the years! (I think I met **Ernie** at the one in San Diego.)

