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DAYTON, Ohio, April 22, 1968 --- The recent paintings of local artist Mary Kienlen will be on display in the Kennedy Union Art Gallery and the "Thread Paintings" of Mrs. Mary Borkowski will be exhibited in the Kennedy Torch Lounge from April 28 through May 31.

The abstract elements as the artist perceives them from nature are the basis of the work of Mary Kienlen. The contemplation of color, rhythm and shape by sketches led her to the conclusions represented in the canvases to be exhibited in her first one-man show.

Mrs. Kienlen is a Texan who moved to Fairborn in 1960 with her Air Force husband, Lt. Col. Rod T. Kienlen, and their three children. She has studied at Texas Technological College, the University of Oklahoma, the Dayton Art Institute and is a candidate for a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree at the University of Dayton. Her work placed first at the WPAFB Brush and Palette Art Show in 1963 and she has exhibited her work at the Dayton Art Institute Student Show each year since 1965.

Mrs. Mary Borkowski's thread paintings are uniquely done on a variety of materials such as canvas backing, cheese cloth, dacron, cotton, felt, silk and velvet. One of her picture quilts titled "Pride of Ohio" was a gift to the Ohio Historical Society and hangs in the Ohio State Museum, while another "The President and The World" has been presented to President Johnson and will hang in the LBJ Library in Austin, Texas. These hangings are 80" x 108", much larger than her paintings for exhibit.

Mrs. Borkowski, a native of Sulphur Lick Springs, Ohio, spends approximately 6 months, 10 hours per day, creating her large wall hangings. They have been on special display at the Ohio State Fair, the World's Fair and the State Fair of Texas. Last year she received a special award from the state of Texas.

A reception from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, April 28, will follow the opening of Mrs. Kienlen's show in the Art Gallery. The Gallery is open daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.