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Mary Jean Dorcy

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SISTER MARY JEAN DARCY, O.P. was born in Anacortes, Wa. in 1914. She was the youngest of nine children.

She graduated from Anacortes High School in 1931 and spent one year at the University of Washington, after which she entered the Dominican novitiate at Everett, Washington, where she made profession in January 1934. She then returned to college at the Jesuits' Gonzaga University in Spokane receiving a BA. Three years later she was awarded a Master of Fine Arts from California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland.

From a single sheet of paper, Sister Mary Jean started cutting continuous flowing silhouettes. By the 1940s, she was recognized as one of the leading American paper cutters. Sister Mary Jean gained a deserved reputation as both a published author and artist.

She once wrote: "The only truly brilliant thing I have ever done was to enter the Dominican Order, that vast storehouse of sanctity, learning and charity which allows even a very small depositer to take out great fortunes of spiritual and intellectual assistance".

Sister Dorcy's final book, "Spring Comes to the Hill Country," was a collaboration with Dan Paulos. One of her cuttings is housed in the Smithsonian Institute.

Sister Mary Jean Dorcy died May 5, 1988 after a long struggle with acute arthritis and lung ailments. She had been bedridden for the last 10 years.

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