

MEET YOUR NEIGHBOR: *Malcolm MacKenzie, 72, and Dorothy MacKenzie, 66*

Gardens couple travel the world for design ideas and photographs

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Retirement is keeping Malcolm and Dorothy MacKenzie busy.

When not traveling, hiking or playing golf, the Palm Beach Gardens couple pursue their passion for the arts.

Malcolm, 72, is an award-winning nature photographer who shoots, edits images of and prints his own pictures. Dorothy, 66, designs and creates necklaces from beads handcrafted in Kenya.

Working from separate home studios, they devote many hours to their work.

"I think it's great for us," said Malcolm, a native of Scotland who moved to the United States at age 24. "We're 17 years retired. Golf is wonderful. I'm Scottish, and believe me, I'm a big supporter of golf. But when you get up every morning and go play golf and then come back in, life just goes on and on. After 10 years, I said, 'I've got to do something else.'"

Malcolm, who ran a printing business before retiring in 1994, became serious about photography six years ago. He travels throughout the world taking pictures, recently returning from Alaska. He's also visited Greece and Midway Island and plans trips to Italy and the Smoky Mountains later this year.

"I enjoy the printing every bit as much as the photography," said Malcolm, who will show his work in Connecticut later this month. "The



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Dorothy and Malcolm MacKenzie relax at their Palm Beach Gardens home. Dorothy, 66, runs Dorothy MacKenzie Designs, while Malcolm, 72, is a fine arts photographer who travels to exotic locations to take nature photographs.

photography I enjoy more for the places it takes me. I'm a nature photographer, and I love to get out."

Dorothy always joins him. On each trip, she wears one of the hundreds of necklaces she's created using Kazuri beads, which are handcrafted by Kenyan women using clay from nearby mountains. Profits from the sale of the beads provide the women, many of them single mothers, with wages and medical care.

She discovered the beads six years ago at an art show in Connecticut and began buying them to create her jewelry.

"I saw them and I fell in love with them," she said.

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Q&A What are your hobbies?

M: 'Living is a hobby, and photography. We also do a lot of hiking.'

Who would you like to have dinner with?

M: Each other. 'It's very seldom that the two of us get to sit down and have dinner together. It's such a social community here.'

What is your favorite childhood memory?

D: Traveling to youth hostels. 'I'd put my books aside, grab my pack and take off walking and hitchhiking around Scotland. Over a weekend, I could put in 2- or 300 miles at 13.'

Who is your hero or someone who has inspired you?

D: Oprah Winfrey. 'Oprah has opened up a lot of windows and doors for women. She's given a lot of people opportunity.'

What event in history would you like to have witnessed?

M: 'The Constitutional Convention in 1787.'

D: 'The signing of the Declaration of Independence.'