

May DaCamara

May DaCamara was an American religious artist who, with Charles Sindelar, produced the illustrations for the in the 1930s and 1940s, and possibly thereafter.

May DaCamara was born Lydia May Chace on October 16, 1894, in Kansas City, Missouri. She graduated with a Teacher's Diploma in Art from the University of Cincinnati in 1913. While at school in Cincinnati, May met William Harley DaCamara Jr., known as "Harley" whom she married June 16, 1916, in Kansas City, Missouri. They went on to live in Harley's home state of Florida for a time where Harley began a home construction business.

Clyde Chace, May's brother, was an engineer and a friend of Rudolph Schindler. Together, Clyde and Rudolph built the Schindler House (also referred to as Schindler-Chace House) in West Hollywood, California in 1921. After moving to Florida in 1924, Clyde worked together with Harley DaCamara, building houses that May would design based upon the wishes of their customers. The DaCamara-Chace Construction company did business primarily in West Palm Beach, Florida.

DaCamara found inspiration from her involvement in the "I AM" Religious Activity and began to paint religious art. Her most well-known paintings were of the Ascended Master, Saint Germain, and "the Magic Presence". Guy Ballard, the founder of "I AM", chose several of DaCamara's paintings as official images of the religious movement.

Links to images:

The Ascended Master St. Germain, by May DaCamara.

The Magic Presence, by May DaCamara.

Because of her close involvement with the organization, May moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico, a stronghold of the "I AM." She died there July 21, 1976, at the age of 81.