Memorial Resolution for Professor Emeritus Howard Schroedter

Our colleague and friend, Howard Schroedter, was a gifted artist, a dedicated teacher and respected academic statesman. As a member of the Art faculty for thirty years, he was a significant factor in the development of Wisconsin's art teachers. In the nine years that he served the Art Department as Chair, he invariably had time, patience, and understanding for all sides of an issue. He was direct, inspirational, and supportive. By serving two three year terms on the University Committee, Howard demonstrated his devotion to a university noted for faculty governance. Because faculty decisions influence the quality of such a community, the integrity of those decisions rests upon the wisdom, experience, humanness and vision of the faculty who govern. Possession of all these traits made Howard a popular and respected member or chair of any committee he served. His low-keyed, informal, and conciliatory guidance was sought and valued by his colleagues.

Howard's research and paintings enrich our lives in settings as diverse as Milwaukee County Zoo designs, city playground forms across the country, and exhibitions and collections throughout Wisconsin. Wisconsin rewarded him with the Art Educator of the Year Award in 1974, and the Milwaukee Art Commission celebrated his Distinguished Art Services in 1987. UWM's Graduate School supported his research with five grants during his teaching career.

The current exhibition of Howard's recent paintings at the David Barnett Gallery which serves so eloquently as his lasting memorial is infused with his personal sentiments, a lyrical poetry of form, and fluid mastery of his materials. The exhibition reveals an artist at the top of his form, actively engaged in a lively dialogue with nature, art and perception.

To all of Howard's roles, he brought his special character. That friendly presence is lost to us, but his work remains. The teachers he taught teach others; the effects of his life are immeasurable.

The Art Department is pleased to announce that a Howard Schroedter Art Education Study Collection will be established in the Golda Meir libraries with administrative backing from the library and funding or materials donations to be coordinated through the UWM Foundation.

Howard Schroedter died at his home in Nokomis, Florida on March 28, 1989 after a vigorous battle with thyroid cancer.

In addition to his wife Mary, Howard is survived by his mother Catherine, his brother Edward, his sons Howard B. and Richard, and his daughters Susan Andrae, Margaret, Jennifer Kibler, Karen Friedrich and Diane.

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