

# The Robert S. Neuman-Thorne Art Award

for Keene State College, New Hampshire

**One day in 1972**, Robert S. Neuman was driving down a New Hampshire highway when he saw a sign for Keene State College. He stopped by on a whim; he was looking for a teaching position and as luck would have it, the College was looking for a Chair for their art department.

It was a small department, consisting of only a few rudimentary classes, but after five short years under Neuman's leadership it grew into a thriving hub for the arts.

Satisfied with the job he'd done, Neuman took a well-deserved two-year sabbatical to focus on his own work. He returned to Keene State as professor of painting, a post he held until his retirement in 1990. He passed away in 2015.

In 2018, Keene State College and the Thorne-Sagendorph Gallery celebrated Neuman's life and career with a pair of retrospectives: *Impulse and Discipline* and *Unboxing Bob*. A series of panel discussions, featuring scholars, and Neuman's students and friends examined and celebrated his legacy. This outpouring of love and admiration inspired an endowed art fund to keep his memory and work alive.

**THE AWARD'S PURPOSE:** From years of painting and teaching, Neuman learned that using quality materials was key to an artwork's longevity. However, he knew firsthand how challenging it could be to obtain them amidst the ups and down of an artist's life.

The Robert S. Neuman - Thorne Art Award provides select students with funds to purchase quality supplies so they may fully realize their artistic potential.

**ELIGIBILITY:** Rising juniors and seniors who have been formally accepted into the Art Program at Keene State College and maintain a 3.0 GPA in art-related courses will be eligible for The Robert S. Neuman-Thorne Art Award.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE:** Recipients of The Robert S. Neuman-Thorne Art Award will be selected by a committee of Art Department faculty each spring based upon the students' excellence in art. Each award will be for one academic year.

## ENDOWING THE AWARD:

Our endowment goal: \$ 20,000.00

**Amount to raise to endow the Robert S. Neuman Award: \$ 11,443.00**

Anyone can donate. Donations are held in trust by the University System of New Hampshire.

In the three decades Bob spent at KSC, he built a legacy worth preserving and celebrating. Please help us carry on his mission to help young artists fulfill his artistic potential.





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