Joe Koons

The Joe Koons Memorial Ceramics Professional Development Scholarship, established by his family, honors the life of Joe Koons, a long-time and beloved supporter of art education.

Joe was deeply involved with CAEA over the years. Many will remember his smiling face in the Laguna Clay exhibitor booth at the state conferences and his inspirational clay and glazing workshop presentations.

Lifetime Accomplishments

In 2005, Koons was featured at the American Museum of Ceramic Arts exhibition for research on ancient iron glaze effects. Koons’ greatest success was his development of red and metallic gold glazes which can still be found in Vons/Pavilions and pizza stores, as well as having been used on the face of Circuit City stores nationwide.

Joe served on the board of directors for the American Museum of Ceramics Arts (AMOCA), lectured and gave workshops on a variety of ceramic techniques, and wrote articles for ceramics and technical magazines.

In 2010, Joe worked extensively with Joan Takayama-Ogawa to reinsert ceramics into the Otis College of Art and Design curriculum.

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