Ron Silverman

The Ron Silverman Pre-Service Scholarship honors an active, long-time member and a past-president of CAEA. In 1989, Dr. Silverman’s many contributions were recognized with CAEA’s “Higher Education Art Educator Award.” Dr. Silverman was a life member of NAEA and was honored with the Pacific Region award for his “outstanding contributions to the profession of art education.” He was selected as a NAEA “Distinguished Fellow” in 1991.

Lifetime Accomplishments

Ron’s artistic abilities surfaced at an early age: he received the first of several scholarships to the Chicago Art Institute at the age of nine. Art continued to be his passion during his teen years when the family moved to Southern California. During World War II, he served as an artist in the Army Air force.

After the war, Ron returned to Los Angeles and attended the Art Center School of Design and the Otis Art Institute. He later earned a B.A. and an art teaching credential at UCLA, a Master’s degree in art education at CSULA (California State University, Los Angeles), and a doctorate in art education from Stanford University.

Ron was a founding member of the Los Angeles County Art Education Council and a 33-year faculty member of CSULA. During his college tenure, he wrote several books; the best known was the much-used college text, Learning About Art.

During the last ten years of his career, Dr. Silverman collaborated with the Getty Center for Education in the Arts. He worked with 21 school districts in Los Angeles County and served as Director of Curriculum for the Getty’s Institute for Educators.

Following his retirement, Ron found time to begin painting again—creating many works that expressed his warmth and humor. He passed away in Pasadena on 14 October 2017, but his many contributions to art education live on.