

# Ruth G. Jansen

## Education Memorial Fund



Ruth Jansen was known to art educators statewide for her spirited advocacy of the arts and for her active assistance to school districts and the profession in inspiring teachers to both teach and enjoy the arts. When Ruth Jansen passed away in 1981, many of her friends with the help of the California Art Education Association created the Ruth Jansen Foundation in 1983. Charter contributions to the fund were made by the Jansen Family, the Glendale business community and Los Angeles area Friends of the Jansen Fund.

The purpose was "to create and maintain a memorial fund in honor of art educator Ruth G. Jansen, and to direct the use of this fund for the encouragement of the arts education programs and activities exemplifying and supporting excellence in teaching and performance of the arts."

"Since Ruth's life-long passion was helping students understand art, one of the primary goals of the Foundation was to help local art students." Every year since 1983, one senior high school student from three area Youth Art Month Exhibitions has been selected to receive a cash award recognizing his or her achievement in the visual arts.

But Jansen's main career was instructing teachers, so each year the Foundation also presents a cash award to an outstanding California Art Education Association visual arts educator from the Northern, Central and Southern California areas. This award is presented to these outstanding teachers at the annual CAEA State Conference. "In this way, Ruth's passion for art influences many generations of artists."

CAEA is grateful for this continued support of visual arts education that has encouraged and nurtured so many exemplary students and teachers for over twenty years.