

# Remembering Connie Horton

## 1931-2022

**Connie Horton**, past president of the Kent Art Association, passed away peacefully at her home on August



13th, 2022. Having followed Barbara Goodspeed as president of the association in 1994, she served in this capacity at different intervals up until 2021. Her last official appearance at the KAA gallery was for her presentation on Art History in June of this year.

Connie was an accomplished artist and constant figure at the KAA but her first love was teaching. KAA member/volunteer, Mike Spross, was a former student and close friend of Connie's and wrote the following memory of her:

"Mrs. Horton" as addressed by her students, found ways to interest most kids to enjoy experiencing the Art World. In class, she allowed students to try many different mediums and styles until they found something they enjoyed. She could do this because her knowledge of the visual arts was very broad. Her personal approach to art history even appealed to High Schoolers who usually didn't like sitting through lectures on any historical accounts. Again, her knowledge allowed her to attach personal stories and accounts to the subjects of her history lessons.

Outside the classroom setting, her New York City field trips were legendary. Once or twice during the school year, she would fill a coach bus with students and chaperones, travel to the city and visit a museum or two, walking the streets from one to another. A student taking her classes throughout High School would enjoy exploring most of the museums in the city. Dinner at a fancy restaurant was planned on route to a play or event that ended the day. They returned on the bus late in the evening, or even past midnight. The students usually got to choose the play and on one trip, students experienced the cinematic opening of "Tommy" by The Who, and "The Point" by Harry Nilsson. She introduced many students to a variety of the arts - visual, performing, and even culinary.

She influenced many students at home and abroad to pursue the arts and others to simply appreciate it by incorporating it into their lives. She was an artist in teaching as well as in creating."

Connie's last wish was to have a show and silent auction sale of all her available works with proceeds to go to the Kent Art Association.

She wanted her works to go to those who would enjoy them as much as she enjoyed painting them and as such, bidding starts for each painting at \$20.00.

This silent auction will run through September 24th and viewing and bids can be made Thursdays-Sundays from 1-5 at the KAA gallery.



## Links & Resources

**Kent Art Association Website** — [kentart.org](http://kentart.org)  
**KAA Facebook Page** — <http://www.facebook.com>  
**Membership Form** — [KAA.MemApp.2022.pdf](http://KAA.MemApp.2022.pdf)  
**Calendar** — [KAA.Calendar.2022.pdf](http://KAA.Calendar.2022.pdf)

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