

Fundraiser for Dean Barber Memorial Scholarship

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Preserving A Legacy

MPHS Graduates Organize Fundraiser For Memorial Scholarship in the name of Dean Barber, Art Teacher

Several Myers Park High School graduates are organizing a fundraiser to establish a memorial scholarship in the name of Dean Barber, their art teacher.

“It is only fitting that this fundraiser pays tribute to an outstanding teacher at Myers Park High School – Dean Barber – who inspired so many students,” said Randy Farmer, an organizer of the fundraiser and graduate from Myers Park High School in 1983. “This fundraiser also reflects the many ways in which a great teacher, such as Mr. Barber, can influence a student’s life.”

“Dean Barber quite simply was the best teacher I ever had,” Mr. Farmer said. “While my career aspirations did not lead me into the arts, Mr. Barber did influence my decision to work in the field of education. While I was a social studies teacher at Grady High School in Atlanta, Georgia, I always felt like I knew what excel-

lent teaching looked like because I had had Dean Barber. I always aspired to achieve the same level of success with my students that he had with his students.”

The photo was taken by Miles Lewis of Dean Barber. It is the property of Miles Lewis, only to be used with his express permission.



Establish a Scholarship

So, to honor Mr. Barber’s legacy, and to encourage other Myers Park graduates to pursue similar aspirations, a non-profit called Education Works, Inc. was

organized to sponsor the fundraiser. The money will be raised for a scholarship to be given annually to a Myers Park High School graduate. The scholarship will be awarded based on the candidate's artistic endeavors, overall academic achievement and commitment to public service. The fundraiser, started in December, 2006, has a campaign goal of \$25,000.00.

Education Works is a 501(c)(3) non profit corporation and is an all-volunteer organization. More information about organization can be found at <http://www.altrue.net/site/barberfundraiser/> And while a tribute for Mr. Barber was organized for him in the late 1980s, no scholarship was established in his name. More information regarding that tribute can at the link at the website and on the brochure for the 1987 tribute, which is attached to this press release.

Fundraising Asking Donations and Other Support

Of course, the fundraiser is seeking donations from individuals and corporations. Besides donating money, the fundraising campaign needs assistance in locating Mr. Barber's students to let them know about this campaign. Tracking down his former students and other interested individuals can be difficult and time consuming. So, help is very much needed in all areas.

In addition, former students are needed to donate their art work for display or for auction. The fundraiser would like to do an auction as a way to raise money. The fundraiser will also seek foundation and corporate support to achieve its campaign goal of at least \$25,000. The fundraiser will raise money from individual donations, an auction, foundation grants and corporate donations.

Artists

Kent Alan Lineberger

Kent Lineberger is an architect in Charlotte, North Carolina. After graduating from Myers Park High School in 1979, Kent graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Design from Clemson University in 1983, and also received his Masters of Architecture from Clemson in 1985. Kent currently has an architectural firm in the South End district of Charlotte. His firm, Kent Lineberger Architecture, PLLC, specializes in custom residential designs for renovations and new homes. His firm has won numerous awards locally for his renovation designs, and has completed a number of new homes from the coast of South Carolina to the Mountains of North Carolina. More information on Kent will soon be available at www.kentlinearch.com. Kent can be reached at his office 704 334 6366, or via e-mail at kent@kentlinearch.com

Quote from Kent Lineberger:

Mr. Barber, as he was always called, prepared me well for the challenges I face in design school and also gave me the confidence in myself to succeed in a visual field. He cared more about helping me develop my skills than any other teacher or friend or family member for that matter. I'd return to campus to say hello whenever I'd be back home and he'd stop the class and let the students ask me all about college and my career path and use me as an example of the possibilities that art could open up for someone if they had the desire to create for a living. Of course, many in his classes did not go on to become artists or architects, but of those who I stay in touch with, their appreciation for the visual world was greatly affected by their experience in his class, and by his demanding and loving instructions. We were all so lucky to have had him at that time in our lives.



Kent has attached one piece of art from his studies at Clemson. In this case, a mixed media self portrait done while in Graduate School. The attached photograph(s) of the art work of Kent is the property of Kent Lineberger and is only being provided as a sample for illustrative purposes. The attached art work can not be used for publication or any other purpose without the express consent of Kent Lineberger.

Miles Lewis

Miles Lewis is an artist living Wilmington, N.C. Miles graduated from the School of Design at North Carolina State University, receiving a B.A. in Visual Design. Starting out as a museum staff designer and illustrator for Discovery Place in Charlotte North Carolina, Miles created visual art and collateral information for permanent collections, special exhibits and traveling shows. His highly stylized portrait work has resulted in numerous commissions, gallery showings and an Addy Award. In addition to his editorial work for magazines and sports apparel, Miles currently illustrates for national advertising campaigns and children's books. Visit www.redsoxatoz.com to see Curse to Verse: The Boston Red Sox Miracle Season from A to Z, a keepsake book Miles illustrated recording Boston's 2004 World Series win. Miles married Carla, his high school sweet heart, and the two have two boys. To view more of Miles's art, visit: www.mileslewisart.com

Quote from Miles:

For my art, what I got from Mr. Barber is a mindset, an approach, which is in me, yet must be summoned before starting every piece and reminded during the piece. Don't fear your art. Don't let the art control you. Mr. Barber wouldn't say these lessons but rather let you hover over your master piece, for several days, till you felt you were finished. He'd then say, "Now cut it up. Cut the piece in to many tiny squares. Batik the squares, place them on this." Ball it up, cut it out, leave Norman Rockwell, find you.

In class, we would draw negative space. Mr. Barber would select an item in the classroom, we were not to draw the item, but the spaces in between, where the item wasn't. For another day, another item selected, Mr. Barber would instruct: look at the object, don't look at your paper, keep your eyes on the object, draw the object, don't lift your pencil, keep your pencil to paper until done.

Carter Woolen

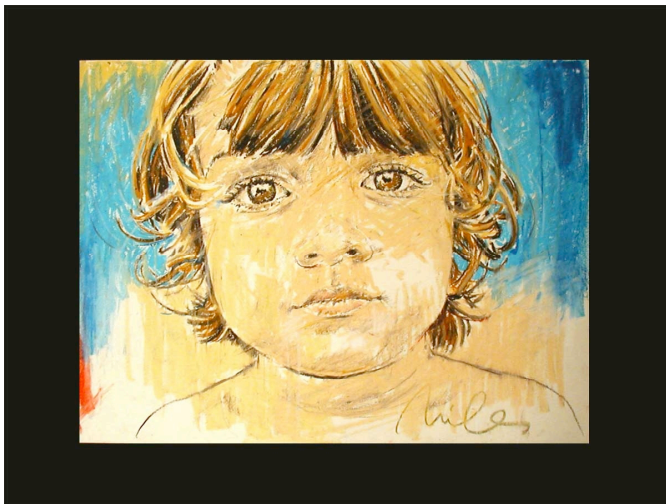
Carter Woolen is an architect practicing in Seattle. After graduating from Myers Park High School, Carter graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology in Architecture. He also got his Master's Degree in Architecture from Georgia Tech. More information on Carter can be found at [Woollenstudio](#). Carter's contact information can be found at his website.

Cal Sawyer

Cal Sawyer is a 1983 graduate of MPHS and an instructor at Clemson University. He took Dean Barber for three years. My office number is below, home is 864-653.3492 and my mobile is 864-506.1387.

Randy Farmer

Randy Farmer is president of Education Works and an attorney representing school districts in Georgia. More information on Mr. Farmer can be found at: http://www.bccwr.com/attorneys/i_farmer.cfm



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Mark Peters

Mark Peters is an instructor and potter. After graduating from Myers Park High School, Mark graduated with a B.F.A. from Columbus College of Art and Design. Mark also has a Master's Degree in Fine Arts from the University of Tennessee. Mark currently has his studio in Bakersville, North Carolina. When he is not busy in his studio, he participates in craft fairs and teaches workshops across the country. More information on Mark can be found at [Pine Root Pottery](#). Mark's contact information can be found at his website.

Paul Rosso

Paul Rousso is an artist in Charlotte, N.C. A 1977 graduate of Myers Park High School, he attended the Cleveland Institute of Art and graduated from the California College of the Arts in Oakland, California. Throughout his career, Paul has received numerous commissions, awards and accolades for his work. Most recently, he was the only artist to receive a private commission for six different works of art for the new basketball arena for the Charlotte Bobcats. Some of Paul's artwork can be found at [Paul Rousso's Portfolio](#) and at [Paul Rousso](#). Paul's contact information can be found at his website.

Background on Dean Barber

A native of North Carolina, Mr. Barber taught art at Myers Park High School from 1963 to 1987. His accolades as an educator were numerous. Every year, Mr. Barber entered his students in the Charlotte-area Scholastic Art Competition. His students won numerous awards and prizes at that competition, usually around 20 or so. His students also were entered into other area, regional and national art competitions, where their art work was similarly honored. Of course, several students won scholarships to art colleges and institutions, like Pratt and Columbus College of Art and Design. Other students went on to careers in architecture and other arts-related fields.

Dean Barber Resume

BORN

Mount Holly, North Carolina, 1935

EDUCATION

- Western Carolina University
- UNC Chapel Hill
- UNC Greensboro
- Penland School of Handicraft
- Appalachian State University

PAST TEACHINGS

- School of Mentally Handicapped, Atlanta, GA
- Lake Placid, New York
- North Carolina Governor's School
- UNC Charlotte
- UNC Chapel Hill
- Queens College
- Gaston College
- Head Start Teachers, Lancaster, South Carolina
- NC Art Association Teacher of the Year '87
- Who's Who in North Carolina '73

- Past President of the Guild of Charlotte Artists '71-73
- Outstanding Young Educator of NC '70
- Charlotte-Mecklenburg Teacher of the Year '69
- Originator of "Art in the Sky" Sidewalk Art Show on Governmental Plaza Walkway
- Twenty-One One Man Shows

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Art Shows (Student and Adult) in North Carolina and South Carolina, Scholastic Art Competition, and Ohio
- Conducted workshops for school systems in North Carolina, South Carolina, and Virginia. Taught evening classes for adults, students, and art groups.
- Students consistently win awards in local, regional, and state shows. Students won about 48 scholarships, national competitions, and college competitions.