

The Alabama Arts Alliance Award selection committee has chosen Mrs. Jean Schulman (posthumously) as the recipient of the Legacy Award because of her life-long dedication and commitment to the Arts and Arts Education. Mrs. Schulman continued to be involved in the arts until her passing at the age of 92, gathering new knowledge, breaking new ground, and making information available to others.



Mrs. Schulman was a pioneer in Arts Education at a time when arts education was not considered a priority in public schools. She established the Visual Arts Program at Muscle Shoals High School and in her 20 plus year career, taught thousands of students to love the arts and to become more creative through her innovative curriculum and teaching methods. Working with the University of North Alabama, as a supervising teacher, Mrs. Schulman inspired and mentored hundreds of student teachers. Through her students and student teachers, Mrs. Schulman's legacy lives on.

Mrs. Schulman's innovative work with clay as a medium for her amazing batiks can be found in over one hundred private collections around the globe, and because of the uniqueness of her technique, five of her batiks were selected for the Smithsonian.

Mrs. Schulman created, showed, taught, and lectured about the arts she loved, for her entire life. She represents all that a Legacy Award recipient should be.