IN REMEMBRANCE OF BYRON JAMES GARDNER

Byron J. Gardner, well known artist, teacher and master falconer, died of cancer on May 14, 1992. He was 61. Born in Portland in 1930, he was a graduate of the Portland Museum Art School. His work has been widely exhibited and his paintings are in many museums and private collections.

He taught art at the Catlin Gabel School for thirteen years. At the time of his death, he was Professor Emeritus of Art at Portland State University.

Mr. Gardner was a leading force in the Oregon Falconers Association of which he was past president. He was a director of the North American Falconers Association and was the designer of their logo which is recognized worldwide.

He was active in community affairs and had served on the board of the Oregon High Desert Museum. He served as artist member of the Portland Art Museum board and was on the board of the Boys and Girls Aid Society. He was past president of the West Hills Unitarian Fellowship.

Survivors include his wife, Judith Ann, daughter Elizabeth Woods, and stepdaughters Angela Sorenson and Lela Edminston. He had five grandchildren. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the North American Falcons Association.

The artist is called upon by the conscience of his time and his knowledge of art to create new visual arrangements from the nature which surrounds him. Committed to discovery and dedicated to truth; he is the curator of the old taste and the originator of the new.

— B.J.G.
Byron with Sirius (gyr/prairie). First sage grouse February 1991

Byron with his beautiful setter, Cinnamon, and hybrid tiercel, Tok, after some successful teamwork. The vanquished is a Columbian sharp-tailed grouse.

Opposite page:
Redtail on Rabbit, watercolor
Above, far right:
Prairie Falcon, adult, watercolor
Right:
Immature Redtail Hawk, watercolor
Below left:
Falconer, watercolor
Below center:
Hawking Party, oil on canvas, 18" x 24", 1987

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