

# 'Eureka Artist of the Year'

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EUREKA -- The Eureka Art and Culture Commission will award Dr. Robert Haynes the "Eureka Artist of the Year" Recognition Award at the Eureka City Council meeting on Tuesday.

This award is presented each year to an artist who has contributed to the betterment of life in Eureka through creative endeavors.

Haynes was selected for his extensive service to art organizations in the community, his work to bring public art to Eureka, his long career as an art educator and his accomplishments as an award-winning sculptor and photographer.

Haynes' primary career has been as an art educator. He did his graduate research at the Courtauld Institute at London University and received a doctorate in education from Columbia University. He is professor of art emeritus at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J.

"Art has always given me that extra dimension to life," said Haynes, "and teaching is the avenue I use to invite others to enjoy the world around us, whether it is the world of nature or the world of man."

He has been at the forefront of community service for the arts throughout his adult life. In Eureka, he has provided leadership in many organizations devoted to artists and art. He has served on the board of the Humboldt Arts Council, where his efforts focused on designing art projects for youth and searching for exhibits for the Morris Graves Museum of Art.

Haynes presently serves as vice president of the Red-wood Art Association, where he created the successful "Art in the Garden" fundraising event and was instrumental in bringing a new mission and vision to the association.

Haynes' primary interest now is public art. "The sights and sounds around us feed our souls," explained Haynes. "The murals and other public art plus the sounds of music fill us with joy and nurture our souls. As a lifelong teacher and artist, I know of no greater joy than to provide these possibilities for others."

He is chair of the Eureka Main Street Design Committee which deals with public art and culture. In this role, Haynes was instrumental in the placement and installation of the Janis Milstead donation to Eureka, consisting of six important large abstract sculptures. This was accomplished through a consortium, including Eureka Main Street, the Eureka Art and Culture Commission, the Ink People Center for the Arts, Humboldt Arts Council, Morris Graves Museum of Art, Redwood Art Association, Eureka Engineering Department, Eureka Public Works Department and local businesses.

The city of Eureka is joining art leaders and supporters across the country in celebrating October as National Arts and Humanities Month.

The Eureka Art And Culture Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the Eureka City Council and the city manager for all matters pertaining to art, literature, music and other cultural activities. Its current focus is to promote art in public places and create a registry of artists interested in public art commissions. More information can be found at [www.eureka-art-culture.com](http://www.eureka-art-culture.com).

