

Updated Legacy statement as of 6/29/20:

LINDA STEIN UPSTANDER AWARD **HONORING JOYCE AND DIANE FROOT**



FROOT LEGACY STATEMENT

From 1969 until 2018, Linda Stein and Joyce Froot were dear friends and confidants. During her lifetime, Joyce was determined to collect at least one piece of art from every series that Stein produced, and she made excellent headway in this direction. Her home, with husband Jerry and daughters Rochelle and Diane, became a gallery of the artist's paintings, sculpture, prints and drawings.

There was another important connection to art that the Froot family held: Jerry's father Nathan Froot was a talented painter, so walls were also filled with Nathan's paintings.

Jerry, founding president of *Ceres Chemicals*, bought and sold pharmaceutical chemicals around the world, particularly in Asia. The Froot family traveled extensively and often introduced Linda to their international friends and colleagues.

Joyce became a mediator, helping people to resolve personal conflicts, and Rochelle's focus was on the seas as she and her husband co-captained boats for the touring of their clients.

Diane Froot's career followed a creative path. She has been an interior designer and creator of elegant commercial spaces, especially for restaurants and offices. She has filled the walls of her own home with the art of Linda Stein and that of her grandfather, Nathan Froot, and has also continued her mother Joyce Froot's tradition of supporting Have Art: Will Travel! (HAWT) with yearly contributions, gratefully used to bring its educational programming to museums, universities and individuals throughout the country and abroad. HAWT's message always begins with art as a starting point as it seeks to elicit empathy toward those victimized by bullying and bigotry, encouraging the bystander to become an upstander for justice.

Diane Froot declares "I am happy to support the educational efforts of Linda Stein and HAWT through this Pennsylvania State University Award as it encourages scholars, artists, students and educators to inspire us all, young and old, to be *Everyday Heroes*."