

Presented by The Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen

THE STANLEY G. SELTZ STUDENT AWARDS PROGRAM

in honor of Richard M. Loeper, 1937-1994

THE RICHARD M. LOEPER MEMORIAL AWARD

Dick Loeper was a well-known and universally admired woodworker. He took exceptional pride in his work, constructing furniture and toys made of the finest woods available. One of his favorite creations was the cradle he constructed for his first grandchild.

Dick was a close friend of Stanley G. Seltz, for whom the Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen Student Awards have been named. After taking one of Stanley's woodcarving classes, Dick immediately began carving whimsical caricatures and selling them at Reading-Berks Guild of Craftsmen shows. Many of Dick's carved faces sport funny, big noses and to this day, these carvings remind everyone of Dick's incredible sense of humor.

In the early days of computers, Dick decided the Guild's extensive mailing and membership lists should be streamlined. He encouraged his employer, IBM, to donate a computer to the Guild. When the computer was installed, Dick converted the Guild's information to disc while also conducting much-appreciated computer workshops for interested Guild members.

Dick was the Membership Chairman of the Guild for many years. He is especially remembered for his large wooden replicas of antique cars and trains.



Above: Dick displaying one of his wooden cars.

Below: Dick with fellow craftsmen.

