Paul Farrell Memorial Art Scholarship

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Mary Katheryn Wiggins memorials were added to the endowment in July of 2010.

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The art auction honoring the late Paul Farrell starts off with a story of humble roots. Farrell, a hard-working man who loved to create art on the side, found himself at one point with a cancer that resulted in the loss of one of his eyes. In order to continue on with his love of art, he began spending time at the university to learn how to continue creating under his newfound circumstances.

According to his widow Marjorie, Paul was close to his fellow classmates - a man in his 60s befriending traditional young college students. After his passing, many of the students were devastated by the loss. Afterward, Marjorie was asked if she would help one time with an auction in support of the art department and its students. She agreed.

She says people ask her what her husband would have thought if he knew about the work that has been done.

"Art to him, he enjoyed it so much. It was his hobby," Marjorie added. "No one ever imagined when we started out with this that we would do more than just one."