

~ OBITUARIES ~

**JOHN H. SCHNABEL**

Dr. John H. Schnabel, a long-time patron member of the IDRS, died on April 9, 1998 at his home in Alton, Illinois, at the age of 83. He was the first registrar of the Southern Illinois University at Edwardsville. He completed his M. M. degree in oboe performance at Northwestern University in 1947. He also studied with Bruno Labate. He received a doctorate in school music administration from Indiana University in 1955. Throughout his life he gave private lessons to young oboists and he was responsible for the early training of most oboists in his region of Illinois. The membership of IDRS mourn his passing.

**BERTHA SCHOENBACH  
1908-1998**

The IDRS is saddened by the death of Bertha Karp Schoenbach, beloved wife of former IDRS President Sol Schoenbach on May 9, 1998. We join Sol and his family in mourning the loss of his dear partner and companion over the long and distinguished careers of both of them.

The following obituary by Thomas Brady appeared in the *Philadelphia Inquirer*:

Bertha Karp Schoenbach, 90, an exhibiting artist, died of leukemia on Saturday at the Quadrangle, a retirement community in Haverford. She formerly lived on Rittenhouse Square.

Mrs. Schoenbach, who was born in Philadelphia, studied at the Fleisher Memorial Art Center, the Philadelphia College of Art and the Barnes Foundation as well as at the Pratt Institute in New York City and in Moscow and Mexico City.

Over the years, Mrs. Schoenbach, who worked in many media, was in more than 30 shows, and had many solo exhibitions, including shows at the Philadelphia Art Alliance, at Stanford University and in Sarasota, Fla. Her works are in the Israel Museum in Jerusalem, the Rosenwald Collection at the Library of Congress and at the Free Library of Philadelphia, among other places.

During the Depression, Mrs. Schoenbach was supervisor of art teaching programs and a lecturer on the history of art in a teachers training program for the Works Progress Administration. She also was artist in residence under a federal grant in North Jersey in 1970.

She was a charter member of Artists Equity and a member of the National Society of Painters in Casein and Acrylic, the Philadelphia Watercolor Club, and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Mrs. Schoenbach is survived by her husband, Sol, a former member of the Philadelphia Orchestra and a former executive director of the Settlement Music School, sons Peter & Julian, and two granddaughters. Services and interment are private.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Fleisher Memorial Art Center or to the Free Library of Philadelphia, at Logan Square.