

CINNABAR MOURNS PASSING OF RICK HUBBARD SARGENT, A CHAMPION OF INNOVATION

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The Cinnabar Foundation mourns the loss of Rick Hubbard Sargent, Secretary of the Board, who died August 16 after a year-long challenge with acute myelogenous leukemia.



"Rick was an integral part of the Cinnabar family, having served on the board for 15 years," said Steve Thompson, executive director. "He spent much of his teenage years exploring Montana's great outdoors from his family's ranch in the Cinnabar Basin north of Yellowstone. This passion extended to his unwavering support for the non-profit conservation groups that work every day to pass our natural heritage onto future

generations."

Rick was elected to the Cinnabar Board of Directors in 1997 following the death of his parents, Cinnabar co-founders Leonard and Sandy Sargent. He and his wife, Judi Stauffer, led the foundation into the digital age with the creation of the foundation's web page and the launch of ConserveMontana.org, a user-generated platform for hundreds of Montana conservation stories. They also helped lead the Foundation through a strategic planning process in 2009, which led the Foundation Board to invite new donors to help grow Montana's homegrown conservation fund.

In 1992, Rick and Judi presented his parents with a unique gift on the occasion of Len's 80th birthday. They created the Leonard and Sandy Sargent Graduate Fellowship Endowment Fund within the Environmental Studies Program at the University of Montana. The purpose of the fellowships was and remains, "... to provide support to students with a demonstrated record of [environmental] activism."

An accomplished artist and designer, Rick's work spanned many media, including photography, functional sculpture, mixed media, home design, and gardening. According to his wife, "At the nexus of all Rick's endeavors was creativity and innovation — he pushed boundaries with the intention of expanding his and others understanding of themselves and the world around them."

Rick's appreciation of innovative approaches and "out-of-the-box" thinking was evident in his work with the Cinnabar Foundation. He was constantly challenging the board to stretch

its notion of conservation to encourage creative initiatives at the community level. His advocacy in recent years resulted in growing foundation support for community-based agriculture and local food systems.

Rick's family has established a memorial fund at the Cinnabar Foundation for those who wish to honor his memory by supporting innovative conservation in Montana and the Yellowstone region.

Memorial donations may be sent to:

The Cinnabar Foundation
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