

# THE UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

## *Regents Communication*

**Adopted by the Regents  
July 17, 2014**

### **ACTION REQUEST**

**Subject: Report of Faculty Retirement**

**Action Requested: Adoption of Retirement Memoir**

**Joseph T. Marks, M.A.**, curator, collections and exhibitions, in the Office of the Provost, University of Michigan-Dearborn, will retire from active faculty status on August 6, 2014.

Mr. Marks received his B.F.A. and M.A. degrees from Wayne State University in 1970 and 1976, respectively. He joined the University of Michigan-Dearborn as a slide cataloguer in 1978, and was promoted to assistant art curator in 1979, and curator, collections and exhibitions in 1984.

Mr. Marks oversaw the development and curation of the UM-Dearborn's extensive collections of studio glass, drawings, paintings, prints, photographs, sculptures, and decorative arts. Throughout his career, his work sought to emphasize the important role art plays within the cultural and aesthetic vitality of the University community. Mr. Marks organized numerous innovative exhibitions on a diverse array of subjects and was involved in the successful cultivation of art donors. He was actively engaged in the art community and continued to hone his talents as a gifted artist. Many of his works have been accepted by top national, state, and local juried exhibitions. Mr. Marks served on the Board of Trustees of the Creative Glass Center of America, the Board of Directors of the Michigan Water Color Society, the Board of Directors of the Dearborn Community Arts Council, and on the Advisory Committee of the Padzieski Art Gallery. He received the Bravo Award at the Mayor's Arts Awards in Dearborn, Michigan in 2008 and the Mentor of the Year Award from the UM-Dearborn in 2013.

The Regents now salute this distinguished faculty member by naming **Joseph T. Marks curator emeritus, collections and exhibitions.**

**Requested by:**



**Sally J. Churchill, J.D.**

**Vice President and Secretary of the University**

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