The Art of Greg Hillhouse

Monday, March 2nd, 2015
The University of Chicago, Department of Chemistry
Kent - Lobby
3:00 pm to 6:00 pm

In conjunction with the 2nd Annual Gregory L. Hillhouse Memorial Lecture on Monday, March 2nd, 2015 at 4pm, an exhibition of “The Art of Greg Hillhouse” explores another facet of Dr. Hillhouse’s many talents. Greg often said that if he was not a Chemistry Professor he could easily have made a living as an artist, gourmet chef or even professional athlete. While the exhibit was not able to bring together all of the art work that Greg created during his lifetime, the pieces presented include many significant works embodying the cubist/abstract/figurative style that expressed his love of color, form and texture. No one quite recalls ever seeing Greg draw, paint or make lineoleum cut prints, but most people were aware of his artistic prowess by seeing his artwork displayed in his office and home.

With the help of former graduate student, Dan Mindiola, now Professor of Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, the exhibition attempts, also, to showcase Dr. Hillhouse’s relation to his professors and to the students he mentored and have gone on to teach others and juxtapose his artwork with some of the key accomplishments of the Hillhouse Group. The graphic representation of chemical reactions they studied and molecules they discovered, present an interesting foil to the images in Greg’s art.

The exhibition has been generously supported by the University of Chicago, Department of Chemistry and the Estate of Gregory L. Hillhouse. The exhibition will be on display beginning at 3pm and then during and immediately following the lecture.

Untitled - Green Man, 1985