

# Julie Reynolds Shaw Artist of the Year

Julie Reynolds Shaw will be remembered as a hardworking advocate who cared deeply about children and artists. As an A.R.T. board member, she gained an appreciation of the special role that an artist can play in the life of a child. Through the generosity of others who share her vision, an A.R.T. artist will be selected each year to engage in a project which will enrich a school community as well as their own practice as an artist.

Through a competitive juried process, Carolyn Elaine was selected as the first recipient of a \$10,000 award which supports her work with students at the New Horizon Center. Carolyn is working with developmentally disabled students to create a clay relief for the entrance of their new building. This project allows Carolyn to expand upon her impressive work in the visual arts to include a more tactile and interactive environment for a very special population.

She describes her goal in these words. "My previous work with children involves 'conceptual imagery'. I see this type of project as an opportunity to create an art experience in which the viewer's state of mind becomes engaged in creating personal meaning out of what they see and feel."

*Carolyn Elaine working with developmentally disabled students on clay relief*



**The work was installed at the New Horizon Center in June 2008.**



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