

Lecture Series

Event Date

Thu, Mar 7 2024, 6 - 8pm

Author Sheryl Fiegel speaks on her collaborative book “Champions of Flight”

Champions of Flight celebrates the work of Clayton Joseph Knight (1891-1969) and William John Heaslip (1898-1970), the two preeminent aviation artists of their time, as they chronicled the golden age of aviation —from Charles Lindbergh’s epochal transatlantic flight through the most devastating war in world history (1927-1945). Knight and Heaslip were experienced military men *and* formally trained artists educated at America’s most prestigious art schools. Combining an authenticity of experience and an artistic mastery of illustration, they produced powerful artwork that influenced a generation of Americans, creating air-minded adults and youngsters, many of whom flocked to US military service after Pearl Harbor.

Sheryl Fiegel is an art historian with a BA degree in Art History and an MA degree in Fine Arts (Art History) from Tufts University. She has had a varied career, including gallerist, fine art appraiser (ASA), independent curator and corporate art advisor. Fiegel first came into contact with the work of Clayton Knight and William Heaslip through her organization of a five-day multi-service tribute under the auspices of the 50th Anniversary of WWII Commemoration Committee to honor combat artists. Her husband John is a retired Air Force officer, and her late father-in-law was the commanding officer of the 93rd Bomb Group of the Mighty Eighth Air Force out of Hardwick in Britain during WWII. Her collection of fine art prints from WWII was recently exhibited at the Cosmos Club in Washington DC.

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