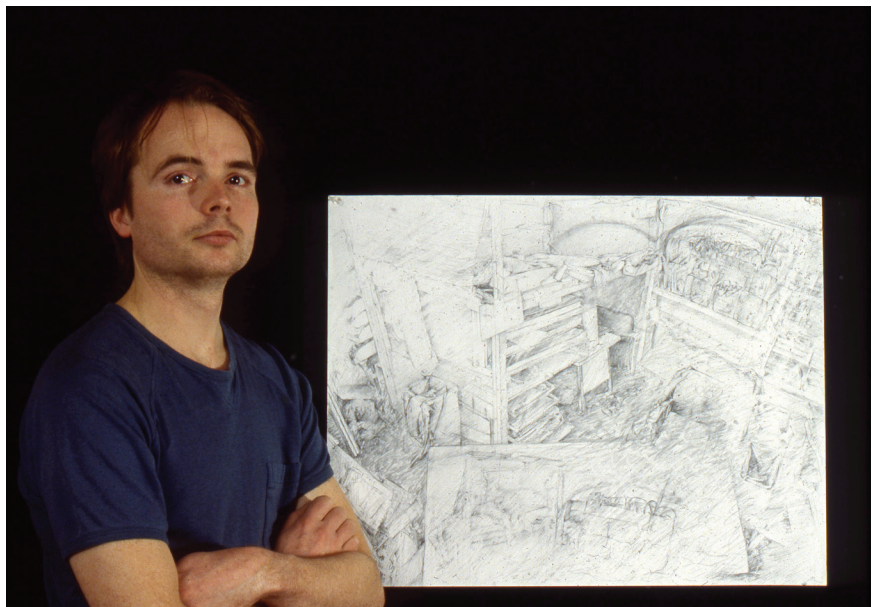

"People think artists' fees just happened but, no, in fact CARFAC fought for them" - Karl Beveridge

Remembering Colin MacNee

by Chrissie Kerr

Colin MacNee was born in 1959 in Assam, India. His family moved to St. John's, NL, in 1968, where he lived before relocating with his family to Oxford, England. In 1979 he applied to Wolverhampton Polytechnic for a Bachelor of Fine Art (Honours) degree. He had artistic interests in drawing, printmaking and film.

After graduation he returned to St. John's, NL, to begin his artistic career and worked at St. Michael's Printshop. During this time he quickly gained a reputation as a prominent young artist in sculpture, painting, printmaking and even set design.



Artist Colin MacNee

Photo credit Robert Young

Sadly, at thirty years of age, in October of 1989, he tragically lost his life in a downtown fire in his apartment only two days before his first commercial show was to open at the Christina Parker Gallery.

To honour the memory of this promising young artist, and to support fellow artists in difficulty, Visual Artists of Newfoundland and Labrador (VANL) and with the efforts of Colin's family created a fund to assist visual artists in times of need or crisis. For more information on how to apply to the Colin MacNee Emergency Fund, please contact us or visit our website at <http://vanl-carfac.com/programs-services/colin-macnee>.

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