

PRESIDENT'S APPRECIATION

I would like to express my very heartfelt appreciation for David Shacklock's inspiring leadership of the SBGAS through the years since he founded it, and especially for his editorship of the Newsletter. I am thankful that David's labors have helped span the chasm, for me and for others, between the troubling times we live in and part of the world as it was before the outbreak of the First World War.

In his recently published book, *Drawing Life*, the computer scientist David Gelernter notes that prior to the 1960's the word "judgmental" was not used as a pejorative, whereas "now it is rarely used in any other way". Perhaps Sabine and his world are refreshing to us partly because Sabine does not hesitate to be judgmental (and of course some of his judgments were very wrong). Overall, however, Sabine's voice is one of rationality and common sense mixed with appreciation for the wonderful range of human oddities he knew so well. Had it not been for David Shacklock and the SBGAS, many of us might not have come to savor this.

Thank you, David for founding the SBGAS and especially for your editorship of the Newsletter for these many years! You are handing the Newsletter on in excellent shape, and we are confident Keith will do a splendid job as your successor as Editor. However, please do remain very closely involved. It wouldn't be at all the same without you.

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