

Roanoker Edwin Ewing Helped Fund the Solonevich Scholarship

Late Roanoker Edwin Ewing was instrumental in honoring the memory of the Roanoke artist George Solonevich by initiating and funding the George Solonevich Scholarship at Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

Several years ago, Ewing was talking with George's widow, Inga, about how they could fund a scholarship that would help train more emergency services professionals to work in the Roanoke Valley. The two friends each had their own contributions—Inga was holding onto a number of prints of one of George's favorite paintings, *Freedom's Price*, and Edwin was excited to fund the scholarship with a generous gift. Both believed that starting an emergency services scholarship for qualifying graduates of Patrick Henry and William Fleming High Schools to attend Jefferson College of Health Sciences would benefit Roanoke and please George

immensely. The result of their collaboration was the George Solonevich Scholarship.



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Paramedics had saved George's life years ago when he suffered a stroke. Emergency Services personnel traveled one mile each way on foot to bring him to an ambulance. The artist then became keenly aware of the importance emergency responders play in the health of the Roanoke Valley.

You can purchase a copy of the 14" x 20" archival-quality print *Freedom's Price* by making a gift of \$50 for an unframed print or \$150 for a framed print to the George Solonevich Scholarship at Jefferson College of Health Sciences. For more information, please contact the JCHS Office of Communications and College Relations, at (540) 985-9031.