

Resolution in Memoriam

Reidun D, Nuquist, Library Staff Member and Library Faculty Member, 1991 – 2000

The Senate mourns the loss of a former library faculty member, Library Assistant Professor Reidun Nuquist, who made significant contributions to the Special Collections Department, Documents and Maps Department, and Reference Departments during her time here. Additionally, Reidun impacted and enriched our work and lives both before and after her time at UVM. Reidun resided in Montpelier and passed away on November 26, 2018 at her home at age 78.

Reidun was born and grew up in Norway. While in the Norwegian State Library School, she met her husband, Andrew S. Nuquist of Burlington, VT. In 1970, they moved to Vermont and shortly after that Reidun started working as assistant librarian at the Vermont Historical Society. In 1983, she became Head Librarian there, and was deeply committed to making the Vermont Historical Society's library resources more accessible to researchers.

Former colleagues at the Howe Library remember her thoroughness, deep understanding of library resources and the importance of our collections, her thoughtful contributions to our departments, her effectiveness as an instructor in the classroom with groups of students, and her skill and demeanor in working with a wide range of library patrons on in-depth research questions, enhancing their research process.

Having grown up hiking, biking, and cross-country skiing in Norway, the outdoors were an important part of Reidun's life, and she and Andrew were longtime members of the Green Mountain Club (GMC). Together they led over 400 club outings. Reidun served as both president of the club's Montpelier section and on the club's Board of Directors. She wrote numerous articles for the Long Trail News, was chief author of "A Trip Leader's Handbook: Advice for Successful GMC Outings", edited "So Cool. So Clear, So Grand: A 1931 Hike on Vermont's Long Trail by James Gordon Hindes, and wrote a chapter on the GMC's centennial history, "A Century in the Mountains: Celebrating Vermont's Long Trail." During the last years of her life she completed "A Century of Long Trail Guidebooks: A Retrospective." For her many contributions the GMC made her an honorary life member in 1995 and presented her with two president's awards.

Reidun's life was a balance of outdoors and cultural activities. With Andrew, Reidun was an ardent traveler. We would like to remember and recognize her for the many and varied impacts she has made on the state of Vermont through her chosen profession of librarianship, her commitment and contributions to Vermont historical and contemporary research, her leadership and multitude of initiatives at the Vermont Green Mountain Club, and the character and generosity of Reidun as wonderful colleague, friend, and human being.