

Our friend and art director Bob Demarest leaves the CCJM

It is with sadness, modified by appreciation, that I report to you that a long-time friend of the *Journal* has decided to part company with us and pursue other opportunities. Bob Demarest, for decades widely recognized as one of the nation's leading medical illustrators, has served with distinction as the *Journal*'s art director for the past 6 years.

Bob worked directly with *Journal* staff and the talented artists in the Cleveland Clinic's Department of Medical Illustration to determine what article should be illustrated and how best to convey information to the busy reader. He also helped us fine-tune the design of the *Journal* over the years, helping us solve many a knotty design problem. To the extent that the design of the *Journal* looks cleaner and more modern than it did, that the illustrations are more informative than in prior years, and that the cover better communicates the contents of each issue than before, these are the direct results of Bob's efforts.

Added to his obvious and nationally recognized expertise and skill in his chosen field is the fact that he is truly one of the finest people, in any line of endeavor, with whom we have had the pleasure of dealing at the *Journal*. I personally, along with the rest of the editorial staff, will miss not only the professionalism he brings to the table, but also his gentle humor and his persuasiveness in presenting his views.

We know that whatever Bob decides to do next, he will succeed, and we wish him

well.

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