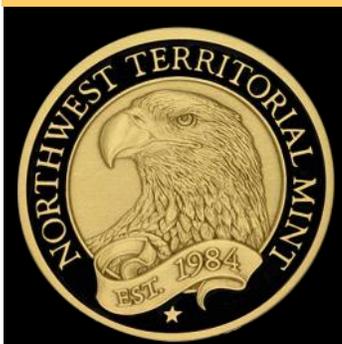




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# ARCHIVAL FUN FACTS

## NATIONAL MEDAL of SCIENCE:



The National Medal of Science was established in 1959 and is an honor bestowed by the President of the United States to individuals in science and engineering who have made important contributions to the advancement of knowledge in the fields of behavioral and social sciences, biology, chemistry, engineering, mathematics and physics. The twelve member presidential Committee on

the National Medal of Science is responsible for selecting award recipients and is administered by the National Science Foundation (NSF).

The awards ceremony is organized by the Office of Science and Technology Policy. It takes place at the White House and is presented by the sitting United States president.



The first Medal was awarded to Theodore von Karman for his work at the Caltech Jet Propulsion Laboratory. (Presented by President John F. Kennedy 1962).

The first woman to receive the Medal was Barbara McClintock for her work on plant genetics. (Presented by President Richard M. Nixon 1970).



The National Medal of Science itself depicts Man, surrounded by earth, sea, and sky, contemplating and struggling to understand Nature. The crystal in his hand represents the universal order and also suggests the basic unit of living things. The formula being outlined in the sand symbolizes scientific abstraction.

## Donald De Lue (1897-1988).



Donald De Lue may have executed more monumental public commissions than any other sculptor of his generation. An iconoclastic figurative artist, De Lue's monumental sculptors adorn such sites as Valley Forge, The Gettysburg Battlefield, Omaha Beach at Normandy and the 1964 New York World's Fair.

In addition to the National Medal of Science, De Lue created over twenty items for Medallic Art Company, including Society of Medalists, Hall of Fame For Great Americans, Washington at Prayer, Brookgreen Gardens, and the National Academy of Design.