

Warren Platner Remembered

Warren Platner, architect, artist and interior designer who passed away in April of 2006, will long be remembered for his innovative spirit and enduring Modernist designs. *Warren Platner Remembered* features pieces from the lounge collection Platner created for Knoll in the 1960s. Platner's work stands not only as a testament to his exceptional creative force but also to the legacy he leaves behind at Knoll.

Platner transformed steel wire into sculptural furniture, creating unique, harmonious forms that are produced by welding curved vertical steel wire rods to circular frames. The result is a moiré effect that captures the decorative, gentle, graceful quality that Platner sought to achieve.

Most important for Platner was to create an object that was both beautiful and functional at the same time. "Make the structure," he said, "so the ornamental details are built into it as functional elements, just like a man."

Platner often considered his lounge chair an extension of the human body. However, the graphic, ornamental quality of the design belies the simplicity of the structure, which is essentially composed of the same wire bent and cut into different shapes. The result is an object so unique that it will surely live on as one of the great icons of Modernist design.

