



*From Left to Right: Dr. Reiner Praschag, Dr. Peter Praschag, and Dr. Shannon DiRuzzo*

## In Memoriam Reiner Praschag (Architect, Co-Founder)

It is with profound sadness that we announce the passing of Reiner Praschag, an accomplished architect and co-founder of Turtle Island. Together with his son, Peter, they transformed their family hobby into a lifelong mission, establishing Turtle Island.

Reiner was not only an architect but also a sworn and court-certified expert in Structural Engineering and Zoology. His dedication extended to serving as a CITES-Assessor for species conservation. Over the span of 40 years, their shared passion and expertise led to the creation of one of the most significant and comprehensive turtle collections globally, encompassing more than 240 different species. Reiner's legacy lives on through the enduring impact of Turtle Island and the remarkable work he and his son, Peter, accomplished together.

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