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Arwin Galleries records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Arwin Galleries records
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.arwigall
<b>Date:</b>	1948-1981
<b>Extent:</b>	9.3 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Arwin Galleries (Detroit, Mich.)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1981 and 1984 by Melanie Arwin, the daughter of Lester and Kathleen Arwin.

### Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art gallery; Detroit, Mich. Founded in 1963 by Lester and Kathleen Arwin. Specialized in contemporary art. Closed in 1981.

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## Scope and Contents

The records of the Arwin Galleries consist primarily of artists' files (6 ft.), subject files (1 ft.), as well as general correspondence, photographs, various art work, motion picture film, printed material, and some scattered financial and other business records.

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Artists' files, 1948-1981 contain correspondence, photographs, art work, printed material, writings and business records on 86 artists, including Harold Altman, Irving Berg, Harry Bertoia, William Bostick, Graciela Rodo Boulanger, Thomas Brun, John Butkin, Ray Cattell, Irma Cavat, Chuang Chi, Mihran Chobanian, Joseph Cibere, Max Arthur Cohn, Lila Copeland, Joseph Demariais, Jan De Ruth, Dick Van Dyk, Ray Elman, Kosso Eloul, Richard Fairfield, Leo Figiel, Richard Florsheim, Max Ginsburg, Harry

Glassgold, Libby Golden, John Gould, Ken Guild, Frank Howell, Colette P. Iktin, Richard Jerzy, W. Louis Jones, Max Kahn, Charles Kaiman, Herbert Kallem, Deborah Kashdan, Ed Kasproicz, John Kearney, Barbara Keidan, Richard Kozlow,

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Allen Leepa, Rita Letendre, William Lewis, Leslie Loomis-Vansen, Clifton McChesney, Thomas McClure, Harry Mintz, Albert Noyer, Elliot Offner, John Pappas, Robert Parker, Richard Pepitone, James Pinto, Linda Plotkin, Steve Poleskie, Edward Pramuk, Renée Rauzy, Louis Redstone, Romanos Rizk, Clare Romano, John Ross, Jean Rouzaud, Stephen Rymph, Marlis Saunders, Leonard Schwartz, Tom Seawell, Ben and Bernarda Bryson Shahn, David Sharp, Fred Simper, Don Snyder, Jo Snyder, Nancy S. Stanford, Romeo Tabuena, David Tammany, Ann Taylor, Cledie Taylor, Russel Thayer, Lynn Tillery, Richard Treaster, John Van Haren, Emil Weddige, Derek Werwiter, Sol Wilson, Alex Wyse, Adja Yunkers, and David Zelman.

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Subject files, 1963-1981, are on galleries, cities, styles of art, organizations and other topics.

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Correspondence consists of Lester Arwin's personal correspondence, 1959-1980, and business correspondence, 1958-1981. Art works include greeting cards, paintings, sketches and prints. One reel of motion picture film and two reels of photonegatives are of the 1963 gallery fire. Photographs and slides are of Lester and Kathleen Arwin, their family and friends, gallery installations and openings, art works by Irma Cavat, John Kearney and others, and portraits of artists, including Ben Shahn and Richard Kozlow. Printed material, 1956-1980, consists of clippings, exhibition announcements and a sample book of prints CE CARACATURE NOEL, 1956.

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Also found are notes for speeches by Lester Arwin; news releases; business and financial records, 1960-1981, regarding appraisals, framers, graphics companies, insurance, loans and sales, and including a ledger and an inventory made after the 1963 fire.

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## Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

Art, Modern -- 20th century -- United States  
Greeting cards

Names:

Altman, Harold, 1924-  
Arwin, Kathleen G.  
Arwin, Lester B.  
Berg, Irving  
Bertoia, Harry  
Bostick, William A.  
Brun, Thomas, 1911-  
Bryson, Bernarda  
Butkin, John  
Cattell, Ray, 1921-  
Cavat, Irma  
Chi, Chuang  
Chobanian, Mihran  
Cibere, Joseph  
Cohn, Max Arthur, 1903-  
Copeland, Lila, 1922-  
De Ruth, Jan, 1922-  
Demariais, Joseph  
Dyk, Dick Van  
Elman, Ray  
Eloul, Kosso, 1920-  
Fairfield, Richard Thomas, 1937-  
Figiel, Leo  
Florsheim, Richard A., 1916-1979  
Ginsburg, Max, 1931-  
Glassgold, Harry, 1908-  
Golden, Libby, 1913-  
Gould, John Howard  
Guild, Ken  
Howell, Frank  
Iktin, Colette Perazio  
Jerzy, Richard E., 1943-2001  
Jones, W. Louis  
Kahn, Max, 1903-2005  
Kaiman, Charles, 1947-  
Kallem, Herbert, 1909-1994  
Kashdan, Deborah  
Kasprowicz, Ed, 1941-  
Kearney, John, 1924-  
Keidan, Barbara  
Kozlow, Richard M., 1926-2008  
Leepa, Allen, 1919-2009  
Letendre, Rita, 1929-  
Lewis, William A.  
Loomis-Vansen, Leslie  
McChesney, Clifton, 1929-2011  
McClure, Thomas F. (Thomas Fulton), 1920-2009  
Mintz, Harry, 1909-  
Noyer, Albert  
Offner, Elliot  
Pappas, John L., 1898-1976  
Parker, Robert Andrew

Pepitone, Richard  
Pinto, James, 1907-  
Plotkin, Linda, 1938-  
Poleskie, Stephen Francis, 1938-  
Pramuk, Edward Richard, 1936-  
Rauzy, Renée  
Redstone, Louis G.  
Rizk, Romanos, 1927-  
Rodo Boulanger, Graciela, 1935-  
Romano, Clare  
Ross, John, 1921-  
Rouzaud, Jean  
Rymph, Stephen  
Saunders, Marlis  
Schwartz, Leonard  
Seawell, Tom, 1936-  
Shahn, Ben, 1898-1969  
Sharp, David  
Simper, Fred, 1914-  
Smith, Alden, 1926-  
Snyder, Donald F., 1925-  
Snyder, Jo  
Stanford, Nancy S.  
Tabuena, Romeo, 1921-  
Tammany, David  
Taylor, Ann, 1941-  
Taylor, Cledie, 1926-  
Thayer, Russel  
Tillery, Lynn  
Treaster, Richard  
Van Haren, John  
Weddige, Emil, 1907-  
Werwiter, Derek  
Wilson, Sol  
Wyse, Alex  
Yunkers, Adja, 1900-1983  
Zelman, David

Functions:

Art galleries, Commercial -- Michigan -- Detroit