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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Joan Brown papers
Date:	1955-1974
Identifier:	AAA.browjoan
Creator:	Brown, Joan, 1938-1990
Extent:	142 Items 0.6 Linear feet (Addition)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Material on reels 722-723 was lent for microfilming 1974 by Joan Brown. Additional papers donated 1992 by the Joan Brown estate via Michael Hebel, Brown's husband and executor.

Location of Originals

Reels 722-723: Originals were returned to lender after microfilming.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 722 and 723 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Microfilmed materials must be consulted on microfilm. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Painter, professor; San Francisco, Calif.; d. 1990. Studied at the California School of Fine Arts 1955-1960 under Elmer Bischoff and others. Killed in an accident in Proddatura, India.

Scope and Contents

REELS 722-723: Correspondence, 1959-1974, chiefly with galleries and museums; biographical material, including lists of paintings and collections where Brown is represented; 21 catalogues and announcements; 29 clippings; a baby book, 1962-1971, about her son, Noel; 45 photographs, including photos of Brown, artists, her husbands Manuel Neri and Gordon Cook, Leo Valledor, and Jay DeFeo, gallery owner George Staempfli, and collages which were later destroyed. Much of the material in the photographs and baby book was used as subject matter and inspiration for her paintings.

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ADDITION: Biographical material, letters, bibliography, newspaper and magazine articles, exhibition catalogs and announcements, 1974-1990.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Women artists
- Women educators
- Women painters

Occupations:

- Educators -- California -- San Francisco
- Painters -- California -- San Francisco