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Hans and Thordis Burkhardt papers

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Hans and Thordis Burkhardt papers
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.burkhans
<b>Date:</b>	1905-1981
<b>Extent:</b>	1.4 Linear feet
<b>Creator:</b>	Burkhardt, Hans Gustav, 1904-1994 Burkhardt, Thordis W., 1908-1993
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 1975-1981 by the Burkhardts.

### 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

Painter and collector; Los Angeles, Calif.; d. 1994.

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## Scope and Contents

Resumes, awards, and memberships; letters thanking the Burkhardts for paintings, regarding visits to their home and studio, and from scholars and institutions requesting information about his own work as well as his collection of works by Mark Tobey and Arshile Gorky; writings and notes by and about Burkhardt; 2 bound sketchbooks, undated and 1961, containing black felt-tip pen drawings; exhibition related materials including lists of works exhibited, acknowledgements of gifts, loan agreements, and receipts; exhibition announcements and catalogs; clippings, press releases, and bulletins, and 2 scrapbooks of clippings; and photographs of Burkhardt, his wife Thordis, and others including Mark Tobey and Willem de Kooning.

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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 -- Collectors and collecting -- California -- Los Angeles  
Painting, Modern -- 20th century -- California -- Los Angeles

Types of Materials:

Scrapbooks  
Sketchbooks

Names:

De Kooning, Willem, 1904-1997  
Gorky, Arshile, 1904-1948  
Tobey, Mark

Occupations:

Painters -- California -- Los Angeles