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Chicago Society of Etchers records

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Chicago Society of Etchers records
Date:	1933-1972 (bulk 1940-1959)
Identifier:	AAA.chicetch
Creator:	Chicago Society of Etchers
Extent:	0.6 Linear feet
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1996 by Peter Jensen, son of printmaker John Paul Jensen, the last secretary of the Chicago Society of Etchers, who retained the records of the Society after its dissolution.

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.

Biographical / Historical

Art society; Chicago, Ill., organized 1910; dissolved 1972.

Scope and Contents

Primarily correspondence and a scrapbook kept by several of the Society's secretaries including F. L. Thompson and James Swann. Correspondence mostly with members concerning activities, sales, and exhibitions. Several letters inquire about the status of the Society and whether it will continue. The scrapbook, 1937-1972 (bulk 1937-1948), contains exhibition catalogs and announcements, letters, annual bulletins, membership lists, handwritten minutes of Board of Directors' meetings which detail expenses, suggestions for exhibition venues, membership and activities. Added to the scrapbook is the 1972 certificate of dissolution of the Society. A few miscellaneous financial records, printed materials, and price lists complete the collection.

Scope and Contents

Among the correspondents are: Cornelius Botke, Gustav Dalstrom, Gene Kloss, Philip Kappel, Roi Partridge, Leon R. Pescheret, and Maltby Sykes, as well as local Chicago artists.

Arrangement

Arranged into series by record type: I. Correspondence II. Scrapbook III. Financial material; chronological thereunder.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Etching -- 20th century -- United States
- Etching -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Etching, American

Names:

- Botke, Cornelius, 1887-1954
- Chicago Society of Etchers
- Dalstrom, Gustaf O. (Gustaf Oscar), 1893-1971
- Fabri, Ralph, 1894-1975
- Jensen, John Paul, 1904-
- Kappel, Philip
- Kloss, Gene, 1903-
- Pescheret, Leon Rene, 1892-1961
- Sykes, Maltby

Occupations:

- Etchers -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Printmakers

Functions:

- Arts organizations -- Illinois