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## A Finding Aid to the Alberta Cifoletti Papers, 1944-2010, in the Archives of American Art

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Alberta Cifolelli papers
<b>Date:</b>	1944 -2010
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.cifoalbe
<b>Creator:</b>	Cifolelli, Alberta, 1931-
<b>Extent:</b>	0.8 Linear feet
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Summary:</b>	The papers of painter and printmaker Alberta Cifolelli measure 0.8 linear feet and date from 1944 to 2010. The bulk of the collection relates to Cifolelli's exhibition career in Cleveland, Ohio and Westport, Connecticut. Found are biographical materials including recorded interviews; correspondence with artists and friends; personal photographs; and printed material. Also found is a digital video recording about artist William Putch, Cifolelli's cousin.

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Donated 2005-2011 by Alberta Cifolelli.

### Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

### Preferred Citation

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### Restrictions

This collection is open for research. Access to original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C. Research Center.

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## Biographical / Historical

Alberta Cifoelli (1931-2022) was a painter and printmaker in Cleveland, Ohio and Westport, Connecticut. She graduated from The Cleveland Institute of Art and later taught at the school while raising a family. Often, she showed her works at the Cleveland Museum of Art's annual May Shows. Cifoelli and her husband Charles P. Lamb, Jr, and sons moved to Connecticut where she continued to exhibit her works. In 1984, she designed the White House's annual commemorative Easter Egg. Cifoelli died in Connecticut in 2022.

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## Scope and Contents

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## Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

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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:

- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women printmakers

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings
- Video recordings

### Names:

- Stanczak, Julian, 1928-2017

### Occupations:

- Painters -- Connecticut -- Westport
- Painters -- Ohio -- Cleveland
- Printmakers -- Connecticut -- Westport
- Printmakers -- Ohio -- Cleveland

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## Container Listing

### Series 1: Alberta Ciolelli Papers, 1944-2010

#### 0.8 Linear feet (Boxes 1-3)

Scope and Contents: Biographical materials include biographical sketches, notes, and resumes. Also found are a video recording of an interview, "Distinguished Dialogue with Guest Speaker Alberta Ciolelli," conducted by James E. Barker, Superintendent of the Schools, Erie, Pennsylvania, and Pat Smith, Conference Chairwoman of the Pennsylvania Art Education Association, 1999; an audio recording of a talk by Ciolelli at SUNY Purchase; and digital video recordings of a talk at Westport, Connecticut Senior Center in 2008 and a documentary of William Putch entitled, *This is My Father*. Correspondence includes printed e-mail messages as well as letters to and from colleagues and students such as Inger Alfvén, Alva Henderson, Lorrie Goulet, Roald Hoffman, Donald Kuspit, Nancy Reagan, Viktor Schreckengost, Julian Stanczak, Jean Stapleton, John Thow and others. Photographs are of Ciolelli, Richard Anuszkiewicz, Henri Mancini, Julian Stanczak, and family members at gatherings and exhibitions. Printed materials include clippings, exhibition announcements, and catalogs from Ciolelli's extensive exhibition career.

Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Material, 1953-2003
Box 1, Folder 2	Biographical Material, "Alberta at the Senior Center", 2009 1 Electronic discs (DVD)
Box 1, Folder 3	Biographical Material, SUNY Purchase, Talk, 1995 1 Sound cassette
Box 1, Folder 4	Biographical Material, "Distinguished Dialogue with Guest Speaker Alberta Ciolelli, Interview, 1999 1 Videocassette
Box 1, Folder 5	Biographical Material, This is My Father, 1999 1 Electronic discs (DVD)
Box 1, Folder 6-7	Correspondence, 1951-2009
Box 2, Folder 1	Photographs, 1944-2010
Box 2, Folder 2	Printed Material, Clippings, 1952-2003
Box 2, Folder 3-4	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements, 1959-2009
Box 3, Folder 1-3	Printed Material, Exhibition Catalogs, 1951-2003

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