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Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Elizabeth Cowan papers relating to the Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York
Date:	1912-1952
Identifier:	AAA.cowaeliz
Creator:	Cowan, Elizabeth Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York
Extent:	28 Items ((on partial microfilm))
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1965 by Elizabeth Cowan.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reel 2802 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

Cowan was President of the Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York, 1948-1952. The Society was founded in 1912 as the Ceramic Society of Greater New York to promote better design in decoration of china. It expanded its goals to include textiles and allied design and was renamed in 1924.

Scope and Contents

Constitution and history of the Ceramic Society and Design Guild of New York, as well as printed material including pamphlets, a clipping, and a membership list for 1938, 13 photographs of exhibitions, most occurring in 1927, and one of Isabelle Knobloch, a founder of the Society; and four photographs of the Washington Square Art Show, ca. 1935.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decorative arts
Women artists
Women arts administrators
Women ceramicists

Names:

Keramic Society of Greater New York
Knobloch, Isabelle S., b. 1879

Occupations:

Artisans -- New York (State) -- New York
Arts administrators -- New York (State) -- New York
Ceramicists -- New York (State) -- New York

Functions:

Arts organizations -- New York (State)