



# Smithsonian

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Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors records

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors records
<b>Date:</b>	1940-1996
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.fedemode
<b>Creator:</b>	Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors
<b>Extent:</b>	0.5 Linear feet ((partially microfilmed on 1 reel)) 1 Linear foot (Addition)
<b>Language:</b>	English .

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

Records on reel N69-75 lent for microfilming by the Federation in 1969. Unmicrofilmed papers donated 1974 by Edith Bry (Dorothy Feigin treasurer's records), in 1976 by Theodore Hios, a painter and member of the Federation, and in 1997 by Anelli Arms, Acting Head of the Federation.

### 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.

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## Biographical / Historical

Art association; New York, N.Y. Founded 1940 as an alternative to the Artists' Congress.

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## Scope and Contents

Organizational records, exhibition catalogs, scrapbook, photographs, and printed materials.

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REEL N69-75: Minutes of Federation meetings; correspondence; membership lists; copy of constitution; exhibition catalogs and announcements; a scrapbook; and miscellaneous printed materials.

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UNMICROFILMED: Photographs of art works by Federation members exhibited in a traveling show sponsored by the American Federation of Arts; autobiographical collages by members of the Federation; exhibition catalogs and announcements; and treasurer's records kept by Dorothy Feigin while treasurer of the Federation during the 1950s.

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ADDITION: Correspondence of Federation presidents Ahmet Gursoy (1974-1995), Barbara Krashes (1968-1975), and Heim Mendelsohn (1980-1991); administrative correspondence (1940-1996); historical materials describing the origins and purpose of the Federation (1940-1989), membership lists (1940-1989), a complete run of minutes (1940-1989), exhibition catalogs (1948-1996), announcements (1955-1996), proposals (1981-1988), photographs of members (c. 2005), and a photograph of Will Barnet (2003). There is also a very brittle scrapbook, ca. 1941-1954.

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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:

Painting, Modern -- New York (State) -- New York  
Sculpture, Modern -- New York (State) -- New York

Names:

Feigin, Dorothy Dee Lubell, 1902-1969  
Gursoy, Ahmet  
Krashes, Barbara  
Mendelson, Haim, 1923-

Functions:

Arts organizations