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A Finding Aid to the Elizabeth Klavun Papers, 1952-1975, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Elizabeth Klavun papers
Date:	1952-1975
Identifier:	AAA.klavbett
Creator:	Klavun, Betty, 1916-
Extent:	0.3 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers of painter and sculptor Elizabeth (Betty) Klavun measure 0.3 linear feet and date from 1952 to 1975. Found are artworks, biographical material, correspondence, photographs of Klavun, exhibitions, and works of art, and printed material.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Elizabeth Klavun donated her papers to the Archives of American Art in 1975.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Elizabeth (Betty) Beebe Klavun (1914-1986) was a painter and sculptor in New York City, New York. Klavun began her career as an artist later in life and often exhibited at the Bertha Schaefer Gallery.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

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

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Women artists
Women sculptors

Occupations:

Painters -- New York (State) -- New York
Sculptors -- New York (State) -- New York

Container Listing

Series 1: Elizabeth Klavun Papers, 1952-1975

0.3 Linear feet (Box 1, OV 2)

Scope and Contents: Series includes two painted sketches and one pen sketch of abstract designs and a landscape. Biographical materials include resumes and bookplates designed by Klavun. Correspondence is with the Federation of Modern Painters and Sculptors, Jacob Javits, and the New York Studio School and includes a mix of personal and professional correspondence. Photographs depict Klavun with her work and Klavun's home on Commerce Street in New York City; exhibitions at Bertha Schaefer Gallery; and works of art. Printed materials concern Klavun's career and include clippings and exhibition announcements and catalogs.

Oversize 2	Artwork, circa 1965
Box 1, Folder 1	Biographical Material, 1952-1972
Box 1, Folder 2	Correspondence, 1966-1975
Box 1, Folder 3	Photographs, Personal, 1960-1975
Box 1, Folder 4	Photographs, Exhibitions, 1968-1971
Box 1, Folder 5	Photographs, Works of Art, 1960-1975
Box 1, Folder 6	Printed Material, Clippings, 1968-1972
Box 1, Folder 7	Printed Material, Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1965-1975

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