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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Florence and Julius Laffal papers
Identifier:	AAA.lafflor
Date:	1982-2000
Extent:	1 Linear foot
Creator:	Laffal, Florence Laffal, Julius.
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2004 by Florence Laffal.

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

Editor, publisher; Essex, Conn.; b. 1921. Florence Laffal was editor and publisher of the quarterly newsletter "Folk Art Finder." Her husband, Julius, was contribution editor and co-publisher. The couple owns and maintains works of art in the Collection of Flo and Jules Laffal.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence of Florence Laffal regarding the quarterly newsletter the "Folk Art Finder" (1980-2000); photographs (photocopies); correspondence with John Turner concerning his book manuscript on Finster; photographs of self-taught artists; and printed material concerning exhibitions of the Flo and Jules Laffal collection; and miscellany. Correspondents include Barbara Archer, Julie Ardery, Didi Barrett, Robert Bishop, Russell Bowman, Barbara Brackman, Roger Cardinal, Robert Cargo, Richard Edson, Richard Gasperi, Anton Haardt, John Maizels, Roger McKay, Randall Morris, Marcia Muth Ann F. Oppenheimer, Tom Patterson, Chuck Rosenak, Allie Light and Irving Saraf, John Turner (regarding his manuscript on Howerd Finster), Willem Volkersz, Maude Wahlman, and others. Also included are letters from Howard and Pauline Finster, writings, and color copies of photographs concerning a surprise party honoring Howard Finster on his 67th birthday, November 12, 1983, in Trion, Georgia, organized by Florence and Jules Laffal; a typescript of a talk delivered by Florence Laffal at the symposium "The Cutting Edge, 20th

Century American Fok Art Panel: Age of Discovery, 1960-1990"; photographs (mounted on foamcore) are of John Vivolo, Minnie Black, Jack Savitsky, Edgar Tolson, Jimmie Lee Sudduth, Carl McKenzie, William Dawson, and Felicien Levesque that were included in the exhibition 20th Century Folk Art from the Collection of Flo and Jules Laffal at the Lyman Allyn Museum, New London, Conn, 1997.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Folk art -- Collectors and collecting -- United States
Folk art -- Periodicals

Names:

Finster, Howard, 1916-2001
Laffal, Florence -- Art collections
Laffal, Julius. -- Art collections