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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Jason Schoener papers
Identifier:	AAA.schojaso
Date:	1952-1996
Extent:	0.2 Linear feet ((144 items))
Creator:	Schoener, Jason
Language:	Undetermined .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1996 by Jason and Virginia Schoener.

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

Sculptor, ceramist, painter, educator; Oakland, California. Born 1919. Schoener graduated from the Cleveland Institute of Art and also studied at Case Western Reserve, the Art Students League of New York, and Columbia University. He and his wife, Virginia, settled in the San Francisco Bay area in 1953. Schoener was a longtime professor at the California College of Arts and Crafts in Oakland. During his Navy service in WWII, Schoener produced a series of watercolors which became the subject of a publication by Nancy Prothro Arbuthnot in 1996. He exhibited widely in the U.S. and abroad.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence (143 letters, 1952-1988, many addressed to Jason and Virginia) includes 85 letters from Schoener's uncle, William Zorach and his wife Marguerite, discussing daily events, family matters, and offering advice on Schoener's career. There is also a letter from Max Weber thanking Schoener for the handmade cufflinks "that were made by one who loves and creates beauty." Also found is the 1996 publication "An American Artist in World War II: Jason Schoener at Eniwetak" by Nancy Arbuthnot, which recounts the Schoener's experiences and reproduces his paintings from his navy commission during the last year of WWII.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art and war
Decorative arts
World War, 1939-1945 -- Art and the war
World War, 1939-1945 -- Naval operations, American -- Pictorial works

Names:

Arbuthnot, Nancy Prothro
Schoener, Virginia, 1923-
Weber, Max, 1881-1961
Zorach, Marguerite, 1887-1968
Zorach, William, 1887-1966

Occupations:

Ceramicists -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area
Painters -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area
Sculptors -- California -- San Francisco Bay Area

Geographic Names:

Enewetak Atoll (Marshall Islands)