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A Finding Aid to the Helene Weiss Papers, 1923-2011, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Helene Weiss papers
Date:	1923-2011
Identifier:	AAA.weishele
Creator:	Weiss, Helene, 1939-
Extent:	0.8 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The papers of painter Helene Weiss measure 0.8 linear feet and date from 1923 to 2011. Found are artworks, biographical and childhood mementos, a journal, photographs of Weiss, family, and artwork, printed material, and four sketchbooks.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2016 by Helene Weiss.

Processing Information

The collection was processed, and a finding aid prepared by Jayna Josefson in 2023 with support from the Smithsonian American Women's History Initiative.

Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Helene Weiss (1939-) is a painter in Miami Beach, Florida. Weiss was raised in Brooklyn, New York and studied at New York University. She exhibited her works throughout New York City and later moved to Florida.

Scope and Contents

The papers of painter Helene Weiss measure 0.8 linear feet and date from 1923 to 2011. Found are artworks, biographical and childhood mementos, a journal, photographs of Weiss, family, and artwork, printed material, and four sketchbooks.

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:

Types of Materials:

Sketchbooks

Occupations:

Painters -- Florida -- Miami Beach

Container Listing

Series 1: Helene Weiss Papers, 1923-2011

0.8 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2)

Scope and Contents: Painted, pen, and pencil drawings and sketches depict abstract scenes, plants, people, and landscapes. Some works are signed. Biographical materials include an artist statement, childhood mementos, a price list, and school records. Of note are hand-made books Weiss wrote and illustrated as a child. Scattered greeting cards are from friends. A journal includes notes about Weiss's art and process. Photographs depict Weiss, her family and friends, exhibitions, and travel. Also found are photos and print-outs of works of art. Printed materials include exhibition announcements for Weiss's shows, clippings, and reproductions of works of art by Weiss and source material. Four sketchbooks contain sketches and doodles of figures and illustrated text.

Box 1, Folder 1	Artwork, Painted Sketches, circa 1960s-1990s
Box 1, Folder 2	Artwork, Pen and Pencil Sketches, circa 1960s-1990s
Box 1, Folder 3	Biographical Material, circa 1940-circa 2000
Box 1, Folder 4	Greeting Cards, 1990s
Box 1, Folder 5-6	Journal, 1983-1984
Box 1, Folder 7	Photographs, Album, circa 2000
Box 1, Folder 8	Photographs, of Helene Weiss, circa 1958-circa 1970
Box 1, Folder 9	Photographs, of Family and Friends, 1923-circa 2000
Box 1, Folder 10	Photographs, Snapshots, circa 1970-circa 2000
Box 1, Folder 11-12	Photographs and Print-Outs, Works of Art, circa 2010
Box 2, Folder 1-3	Printed Material, circa 1960-circa 2009
Box 2, Folder 4-6	Sketchbooks, 1995-2011

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