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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Wisconsin Designer Craftsmen records
Identifier:	AAA.wiscdesc
Date:	1937-1973
Extent:	800 Items ((on 3 microfilm reels))
Creator:	Wisconsin Designer-Craftsmen
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Lent 1973 by Sister M. Rosemarita Huebner, president of the society.

Available Formats

35mm microfilm reels 596-598 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

The Archives of American art does not own the original papers. Use is limited to the microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Arts and crafts society; Milwaukee, Wisc. Founded as the Wisconsin Society of Applied Arts (1916-1936) then becoming the Wisconsin Artists Federation (1936). Its purpose is "to promote fellowship among the workers, and to raise the standards of beauty in objects of common use, to bring designer and worker into mutual relationship..."

Scope and Contents

Organizational records including those of the Wisconsin Artists Federation and the Society of Applied Arts, the two predecessors of the Wisconsin Designer Craftsmen. Records contain correspondence; constitutions; minutes of regular meetings and of council and committee meetings; financial records; membership lists; biographical data sheets on members; exhibitors' lists; lists of awards; bulletins; newsletters; a scrapbook; five calendars which include the work of Wisconsin craftsmen; and some material on related organizations such as the American Crafts Council and Midwest Designer-Craftsmen.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art -- Societies, etc. -- Wisconsin -- Oshkosh
Arts and crafts movement
Decorative arts
Handicraft -- Wisconsin

Names:

American Craftsmen's Council
Midwest Designer-Craftsmen
Wisconsin Artists Federation
Wisconsin Society of Applied Arts