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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Edgar L. Yaeger papers
Date:	1923-1989
Identifier:	AAA.yaegedga
Creator:	Yaeger, Edgar L., 1904-
Extent:	0.9 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1990-1991 by Edgar Yaeger.

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

Painter, mural painter, mosaicist; Detroit, Mich. His WPA mural commissions included the Brodhead Naval Armory, Ford Elementary School, the Public Lighting Commission Building, and the Grosse Pointe South High School Library.

Scope and Contents

Biographical information, correspondence, printed material, photographs and art work relate to Yaeger's career as an artist, including his work on the WPA Federal Art Project.

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Correspondence, 1926-1968, is primarily with museums and galleries concerning loans of Yaeger's art, prizes, invitations to submit works of art, and acknowledgments of gifts, 1926-1968. Correspondents include Clyde H. Burroughs, E.P. Richardson, Robert B. Harshe, and Daniel Catton Rich.

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Photographs, ca. 1935, show fellow WPA artists, among them Diego Rivera in front of his mural at the Detroit Institute of Arts, Jos(eph) Sparks, and Leonard Jungwirth; Yaeger working on a mosaic; a group photo of John Pappas, Paul McPharlin, Jerry Sylvester and Sparks; and color photos of Yaeger's mosaic work at the Scarab Club. Original art work includes a linoleum print, 1976 by Yaeger, sketches and watercolors for his WPA murals at the Ford School Library and the Brodhead Naval Armory, and 3 greeting cards from fellow artist Frederick Papsdorf, 1951-1975.

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Also found are lists of paintings, 1923-1931; printed materials, 1923-1989, including exhibition announcements and catalogs, many for Annual Exhibitions for Michigan Artists; clippings, and newsletters addressed to the "Friends of Edgar Yaeger" (ca. 1988-1989).

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Federal aid to the arts -- Michigan
Mural painting and decoration, American

Names:

Boorsma, Jay, 1893-1955
Federal Art Project (Mich.)
Jerry, Sylvester, 1904-1990
Jungwirth, Leonard D., 1903-1964
McPharlin, Paul, 1903-1948
Pappas, John L., 1898-1976
Papsdorf, Frederick, 1887-1978
Richardson, Edgar Preston, 1902-1985
Rivera, Diego, 1886-1957
Scarab Club
Sparks, Joseph, 1896-1975
United States. Work Projects Administration

Occupations:

Mosaicists -- Michigan -- Detroit
Muralists -- Michigan -- Detroit
Painters -- Michigan -- Detroit