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Florentine Craftsmen records, circa 1915-1976

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Gardens
Title:	Florentine Craftsmen records
Date:	circa 1915-1976
Identifier:	AAG.FLO
Creator:	Florentine Craftsmen (Designer)
Extent:	2 Cubic feet (2 boxes)
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Florentine Craftsman Collection contains trade literature and photographic images compiled by the Florentine Craftsmen firm of Long Island City, New York, dating from approximately 1915 to 1976. Most of the manufacturers' literature--including catalogs, fliers, and brochures--deals with outdoor furniture and ornaments, statuary, and iron work fixtures. Some of the materials relate specifically to product lines by Florentine Craftsmen, though many illustrate the work of other manufacturers of outdoor furnishings and ornaments.

Administrative Information

Immediate Source of Acquisition Note

Donated by Skip Brown of Florentine Craftsmen to the Smithsonian Institution's Horticulture Services Division (later Smithsonian Gardens).

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Biographical Note

Florentine Craftsmen was established in New York City in 1915 as a manufacturer of hand-crafted garden statuary and ornaments, fountains, outdoor furniture, planters and other garden items. According to company literature, the product line was based on original designs and molds developed by Florentine Craftsmen founder Vincent Primavera, an Italian émigré and artisan. Acquired by Kenneth Lynch & Sons, Inc. in 2011, Florentine Craftsmen continues to put out different product lines of garden furnishings and ornaments.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Garden ornaments and furniture
- Garden structures
- Plant containers

Types of Materials:

- Brochures
- Fliers (printed matter)
- Photographs
- Trade catalogs

Names:

- Florentine Craftsmen

Container Listing

Trade Literature

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Box 1, Folder 5	Wrought Iron of Distinction (portion), circa 1915-1925 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 5	Handforged Hardware of Distinction, circa 1915-1930 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 5	Catalog Offer from Garden and Penthouse Furnishing Division, circa 1915-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 6	Catalogue No. 66, 1967 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 7	Exclusive Designs of Indoor and Outdoor Hand Wrought Iron Furniture, circa 1950-1965 1 Trade catalog (2 copies.)
Box 1, Folder 8	Price List: Wall Brackets, Lanterns, Ceiling Fixtures, Candlesticks, Floor Candlesticks, Torchieres, circa 1915-1930 1 Trade catalog

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Files and Photographs

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Clippings and Reference Files

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Box 2, Folder 2	Forest Lawn Memorial Park Association, Inc. Glendale, California. Pictorial Forest Lawn, 1937 1 Booklet Creator: Forest Lawn Memorial-Park Association
Box 1, Folder 9	Landscape Architecture, v. XXVIII n. 3, April 1938 1 Magazines (periodicals)
Box 1, Folder 10	Catalogue of the Exhibition of American Sculpture held by the National Sculpture Society, 1923 1 Exhibition catalog Creator: National Sculpture Society (U.S.)
Box 1, Folder 14	Le Titien. Paris: Les Editions Braun & Cie, circa 1935-1950 1 Booklet (Cover is missing.) Author: Huyghe, René
Box 1, Folder 14	Newspaper Obituaries for Cartaino S. Paolo, 1955 2 Clippings (Books, newspapers, etc.) (Photocopies.) Sculptor: Paolo, Cartaino Sciarrino, 1882-
Box 1, Folder 20	Miscellaneous Garden Furnishings and Statuary (presumably by Florentine Craftsmen's competitors), circa 1920-1976 10 Photographs

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Competitors' Trade Literature

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Box 1, Folder 2	Bloch Brothers, New York, New York. Borders and Bands in Brass, Copper, Steel and All Metals, circa 1890-1920 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 1	Julius Blum & Co., Inc. New York, New York. Architectural Ironwork, v. 1, n. 1: Treillage. Reprinted from American Architect and Architecture, December 1936 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 14	Bronx Ornamental Cast Stone Co., New York, New York. Beautify Your Garden with Cast Stone Ornaments, circa 1950-1960 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 11	James W. Carr, Richmond, Virginia. Antique Lawn Furniture from Old Virginia, circa 1915-1930 1 Trade catalog
Box 2	J. Chiurazzi & Fils, Naples, Italy, 1900 1 Trade catalog (Catalog comes in a leather case.)
Box 1, Folder 4	The Crescent Company, Toms River, New Jersey. The Famous "Birdville" Bird Houses, circa 1920-1940 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 12	T. Crowther & Son, London, England. Antiques, circa 1905-1930 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 14	Erkins Studios, New York, New York. An Opportunity That Comes But Once in a While, circa 1920-1935 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Factors, Inc., Worcester, Massachusetts. \$20,000.00 Stock of White Pine Tubs, Pails and Kits Offered at Half Price, circa 1950-1970 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	J. W. Fiske Iron Works, New York, New York. Sanitary Drinking Fountains, circa 1910-1920 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 3	J. W. Fiske Iron Works, New York, New York. Ornamental Lamp Posts, 1925 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 13	Galloway Terra-Cotta Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Galloway Pottery, Bulletin No. 39-4, circa 1920-1940

	1 Trade catalog (2 copies)
Box 1, Folder 13	Galloway Terra-Cotta Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Galloway Pottery (catalog), circa 1920-1940 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 13	Galloway Terra-Cotta Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Galloway Pottery, Brochure No. 36, circa 1920-1940 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 13	Galloway Terra-Cotta Company, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Galloway Pottery, Catalogue No. 29, circa 1920-1940 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 15	Hoyt Hardlead, United Lead Company, New York. Architectural & Ornamental Leadwork, circa 1915-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 1	R. C. Heather Co., New York, New York. Hand Forged Iron Lighting Fixtures, circa 1910-1925 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 1	R. C. Heather Co., New York, New York. Lanterns That Spell "Welcome" for the Home, circa 1910-1925 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 1	R. C. Heather Co., New York, New York. Decorative and Useful Articles of Merit for the Home, circa 1910-1925 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 1	R. C. Heather Co., New York, New York. Candlesticks, Door Knockers, Door Porters, circa 1910-1925 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 1	R. C. Heather Co., New York, New York. Increase Materially the Appearance of Your Lamps, circa 1910-1925 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 4	W. Irving Forge, Inc., New York, New York. Lighting Fixtures and Lanterns, circa 1920-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 15	Jacobs Bird-House and Manufacturing Co., Waynesburg, Pennsylvania. Bird-houses, Nest Boxes, Food Shelters, Lunch Counters, Feeding Booths, Sparrow Traps, 1921 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 1	M. D. Jones Co., Concord Junction, Massachusetts. Garden, Lawn, Park and Cemetery Adornments, Catalogue S, circa 1890-1910

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Box 1, Folder 3	La Luz Clay Products Co., La Luz, New Mexico. La Luz Pottery, circa 1930-1940 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	A. H. Patch, Inc., Craft Department, Clarksville, Tennessee. Lily Pool Ornaments of Iron, circa 1925-1935 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 12	Pompeian Studios, New York, New York. Garden Furniture, circa 1915-1930 5 Pamphlets
Box 1, Folder 12	Potash-Marl, Inc., New York, New York. Estate & Garden Service, circa 1922-1930 1 Pamphlet
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Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Column and Frieze of Design No. 73, Railing Design No. 31, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Veranda Design No. 101, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Veranda Design No. 102, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Stock Design No. 72 and No. 69 (Summer Houses), circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
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Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Schedule of Sizes and Descriptions of Cast Iron Railing Designs, Nos. 31-50, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Schedule of Sizes and Descriptions of Cast Iron Railing Designs, Nos. 51-66, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Schedule of Sizes and Descriptions of Cast Iron Railing Designs, Nos. 67-92, circa 1910-1930

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Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Schedule of Sizes and Descriptions of Cast Iron Railing Designs, Nos. 93-116, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Schedule of Sizes and Descriptions of Cast Iron Railing Designs, Nos. 117-136, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 2	Smyser-Royer Co., York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Summer House Design #72, circa 1910-1930 1 Pamphlet
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Box 1, Folder 1	W. A. Snow Iron Works, Boston, Massachusetts. Garden Furniture of Distinction, circa 1915-1930 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 4	Nicholas Wapler Co., New York, New York. Aquariums and Accessories, "Relpaw" Products, circa 1928 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 11	The S. A. Weller Company, Zanesville, Ohio. Garden Decorations by Weller, circa 1925-1935 1 Trade catalog
Box 1, Folder 4	George A. Williams & Son, New York, New York. Catalogue Spark Guards and Spark Arrestors for Open Fire-Places, Grate Fires, Gas Logs, Stoves, Heaters, Etc., circa 1890-1910 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 3	Lee L. Woodard Sons, Owosso, Michigan. Live Outdoors and Love It!, circa 1948-1960 1 Pamphlet
Box 1, Folder 3	Unidentified source. Verandas, Porches, Balconies, Porte-cocheres and Trellises, Railings, Pergolas, Summer Houses, Sheet Number 1245-V, circa 1900-1920 1 Pamphlet
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