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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Historical Note

From its conception, the Cooper Union Museum was dependent on the Hewitt sisters and their friends for donations. After Sarah Hewitt's death in 1931, it was feared that public interest, especially that of sponsors, in a museum of decorative arts would decrease. In 1934, the Museum's Board of Directors and interested persons founded the Friends of the Museum of the Cooper Union. In addition to collecting dues from members, the Friends of the Museum solicited annually for funds, and, from 1936, met annually for tea parties and lectures. The funds collected were used to purchase objects for the Museum, to pay costs for extra personnel and maintenance, and to encourage the study of decorative arts.

Descriptive Entry

These records document the Friends of the Museum's annual appeals and annual meetings. Included is correspondence requesting donations; invitations to the meetings and exhibit openings; correspondence with guest speakers; receipt and expense reports; copies of speeches given at the annual meetings; and membership lists.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Art museums
Fund raising

Types of Materials:

Manuscripts

Names:

Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art
Cooper-Hewitt, Sarah, 1859-1930

Container Listing

Series 1: ANNUAL APPEALS, 1934-1963

Box 1

Box 1 of 2	Folder 1 Analysis of receipts and expenditures, 1934-1963
Box 1 of 2	Folders 2-9 Appeals, 1955-1963
Box 1 of 2	Folder 10 Correspondence: Acknowledgements of complimentary mailing of "Museums of New York City," 1955
Box 1 of 2	Folder 11 Correspondence: Copies of form letters requesting for donations, 1934-1963
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Series 2: ANNUAL MEETINGS, 1936-1961

Box 1

- Box 1 of 2 Folder 18 First Annual Meeting, May 6, 1936 - Guest speaker: A. Everett Austin
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 19 Second Annual Meeting, May 7, 1937 - Guest speaker: William Lescaze
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 20 Third Annual Meeting, April 26, 1938 - Guest speakers: Miss Helen Dryden and Mr. Tom Lee
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 21 Fourth Annual Meeting, February 6, 1939 - Guest speaker: none
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 22 Fifth Annual Meeting, May 2, 1940 - Guest speaker: none
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 23 Sixth Annual Meeting, April 21, 1941 - Guest speaker: Bryman Ridges
- Box 1 of 2 Folder 24 Seventh Annual Meeting, April 13, 1942 - Guest speaker: Mrs. Luke Vincent Lockwood

Box 2

- Box 2 of 2 Folder 1 Ninth Annual Meeting, April 25, 1944 - Guest speaker: Edward Ringwood Hewitt
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 2 Tenth Annual Meeting, May 21, 1945 - Guest speaker: Royal Bailey Farnum
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 3 Eleventh Annual Meeting, May 24, 1946
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 4 Twelfth Annual Meeting, May 22, 1947 - Guest speaker: Lauder Greenway
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 5 Thirteenth Annual Meeting, May 4, 1948 - Guest speaker: John Vassos
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 6 Fourteenth Annual Meeting, May 10, 1949 - Guest speaker: Ruth Reeves
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 7 Fifteenth Annual Meeting, April 25, 1950 - Guest speaker: Hardinge Scholle
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 8 Sixteenth annual Meeting, May 8, 1951 - Guest speaker: William C. Pahlmann
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 9 Seventeenth Annual Meeting, April 16, 1952 - Guest speaker: The Reverend John LaFarge, S. J.

- Box 2 of 2 Folder 10 Eighteenth Annual Meeting, April 18, 1953 - Guest speaker: Sir Shane Leslie
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 11 Nineteenth Annual Meeting, April 20, 1954 - Guest speaker: Kenneth F. Bates
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 12 Twentieth Annual Meeting, April 21, 1955 - Guest speaker: none
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 13 Twenty-first Annual Meeting, April 26, 1956 - Guest speaker: none
- Box 2 of 2 Folders 14-16 Twenty-second Annual Meeting, May 22, 1957 - Guest speakers: August Heckscher
Arthur Houghton, Jr.
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 17 Twenty-third Annual Meeting, March 27, 1958 - Guest speaker: Paul Zucker
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 18 Twenty-fourth Annual Meeting, April 21, 1959 - Guest speaker: Lee Simonson
- Box 2 of 2 Folder 19 Twenty-sixth Annual Meeting, March 23, 1961 - Guest speaker: Paul Zimmerman

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