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American Society of Aviation Artists Records

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Introduction

The American Society of Aviation Artists (ASAA) Records were given to Wright State University Special Collections and Archives by Ann Cooper, aviation author and editor of AeroBrush Magazine, the official publication of ASAA. The collection was deposited in two installments. In 1997, Mrs. Cooper's collection of aviation art prints was donated. These are on loan from ASAA and all copyrights are retained by the original artists. In November 2005, Ann Cooper donated her biographical files on many aviation artists. Some American Society of Aviation Artists records were also donated. The 2005 donation consisted of 6 boxes (approximately 5 linear feet) of materials. The 2005 donation was split between this collection and Ann Cooper's collection. Three boxes (approximately 3 linear feet) were retained with the ASAA Records. Two boxes contained material about Ann Cooper's work, events she attended, article drafts, etc. These boxes will be integrated with her collection, MS-295 Ann Cooper Papers.

The ASAA collection includes articles, sketches, newspaper clippings, correspondence, photographs, negatives and slides. Most of the material is about individual artists. A few materials are about ASAA events.

The American Society of Aviation Artists Records date from 1970 to 2004. The majority of the materials are from the late 1980s to 2000. The subjects of the artwork described range from 1900 to the present.

MS-295 Ann Cooper Papers includes her articles about aviation history and art, books, and personal papers.

All artists retain the copyright to their works. Permission from the artist must be obtained before any artwork or its likeness is reproduced.

The American Society of Aviation Artists Collection is organized into 3 series:

- Series I: Artists
- Series II: Organizational Materials
- Series III: Art Prints

Organizational Sketch

The American Society of Aviation Artists (ASAA) was founded in 1986 by five famous aviation artists: Keith Ferris, Jo Kotula, Bob McCall, R.G. Smith and Ren Wicks. The goal of the society is to promote professionalism, authenticity and quality in aviation art. The group also provides a social and learning environment for its members. Members include artists from the United States and around the world as well as art enthusiasts, students, and art-related institutions.

The society provides assistance to its members through student scholarships, educational forums, business advice, and exhibition opportunities. ASAA also publishes AeroBrush magazine for its members.

Information excerpted from American Society of Aviation Artists pamphlet.

Scope and Content Note

The American Society of Aviation Artists Records document the art of leading aviation artists in this country and around the world. The accompanying records provide insight into the process and subjects of aviation art.

Series I: Artists

The ASAA records include individual biographical files on many aviation artists. Many files contain correspondence, subject research materials, photographs and slides of artists and their works, as well as sketches and preliminary drawings. Many of the photographs correspond to prints in Series III. The artist files are arranged alphabetically by last name.

Series II: Organizational Material

These records include ASAA event programs, logos, pamphlets, contest results and other similar items.

Series III: Art Prints

These prints represent the work of many aviation artists. An Access database at the reference desk shows what work is on loan in the Special Collections and Archives. The prints are located in oversized storage.

Container Listing

Series I	Artists	Date	
Box	File	Item	
1	1	Joe Adams	1988-1990
	2	Richard Allison	1991-1992, 2001
	3	Gerry Asher	1991-1999
	4	C.S. Bailey	Undated
	5	Alan Bean	March 1987
	6	Ian Bott	2001, Undated
	7	Paul Burrows	1990-1991, 2000
	8	Hank Caruso	1998-2003
	9	John Clark	1987, Undated
	10	Gil Cohen	1992-1999
	11	Don Connolly	1990-1998
	12	Domenic DeNardo	1998-2002
	13	Jim Dietz	1989-2000
	14	Alex Durr	1993, Undated
2	1	Jeff Ethell	1982, Undated
	2	Jack Fellows	Undated
	3	Keith Ferris	1977-2000
	4	Michael Flahault	1998
	5	Jean Flowers	Undated
	6	Jon Frank	Undated
	7	Nick Galloway	1990-1997
	8	Don Gillespie	1991
	9	Luther Gore	1983-1998
	10	Ross Greening	Undated
	11	Konrad Hack	1997-2000
	12	Philip Handleman	1991
	13	Charles Haymes	1992
	14	Kathleen Hession	1993, Undated
	15	Kristin Hill	1990-1991, 2002, Undated
	16	Cher Hogan	1998
	17	Wilson Hurley	1990-2001
3	1	Walter Matthews Jefferies	1978-2003, Undated
	2	John Paul Jones	1970, 1995-2000
	3	Stewart Jones	1992, 1993
	4	Steven Kidd	1968, 1991-1992, Undated
	5	Bill Kluge	Undated
	6	Jo Kotula	1986-1994
	7	Jo Kotula – Model Airplane News Covers	1960-1970
	8	Homer LaGassey	2000, Undated

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3	9	Jim Laurier	1992, 2000
	10	R. Lopshire	1962
	11	Sam Lyons	1987-1996, Undated
	12	Mike Machat	1985
	13	Burt Mader	1993
	14	Don Malko	1990-1996
	15	Bill Marsalko	1995-1998
	16	Jerry McKenna	1997-1999, Undated
	17	Dorothy Swain Lewis	Undated
4	1	Robert McCall	1992-2000
	2	McCallisters Art Supply Store	Undated
	3	Priscilla Messner Patterson – Cornellia Fort Paintings	1940-1943, 1976-1998
	4	Pricilla Messner Patterson	1998-2000
	5	Gary Meyer	1990-1996
	6	Eric Michelsen	2004, Undated
	7	Bryan Moon	1990-1996
	8	Michael O’Neal	1996, Undated
	9	Mark Pestana	1995-2000
	10	Clark Pester	1992, 1994
	11	Robert Rasmussen	1998
	12	Naima Rauam	1989-1990
	13	Paul Rendel	1991-2000
	14	Helen Ritchie	Undated
	15	Rick Ruhman	1985-1994
	16	H. John Sarsfield	1993, 1995, Undated
	17	Jim Sharpe	1999
	18	Jody Folks Sjogren	1991-2000
5	1	Craig Slaff	Undated
	2	R.G. Smith	1998-2001
	3	Stan Stokes	1991
	4	Ray Stratton	1992
	5	Joe Sweeney	1989, 1995
	6	Charles Thompson	1990-1998
	7	Bill Tomsa	1992, Undated
	8	Tiro Vorster	1989-1994
	9	Bob Watts	1995, Undated
	10	P.J. Wells	1990, 1992, Undated
	11	Troy White	1997
	12	Ren Wicks	1992-1998
	13	Ted Wilbur	1994

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Box	File	Item	Date
5	14	Terry Wofford	1991-1992
	15	John Young	1991-2002

Series II Organizational Materials

Box	File	Item	Date
6	1	Aviation Art News and Articles	1985-1990
	2	ASAA Conference 1990 Colorado Springs	1990
	3	EAA Art Contest Winners – Press Releases	1991
	4	Aviation Art Exhibit at Aviation World's Fair	2002
	5	Aviation Art – Various Programs and Correspondence	1991-1999, Undated
7		<i>American Fighter Aces</i> Trading Cards, Historical Images, Cambridge, MA	1992

Series III Art Prints

Please ask at reference desk to see a copy of the ASAA Art Print database.