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English .

Abstract

Born in 1949, Marsha Polier Grossman has held a long career acting in various artistic roles, such as graphic designer, photographer, and instructor, to name a few. In the 1970s and 1980s, Grossman frequently exhibited at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, alongside other prominent Virginia photographers. Her collection includes examples of her artwork, correspondence with other artists, and information on exhibitions in which she was a participant.

Creator

Polier-Grossman, Marsha

Extent

1 box 1 box

Repository

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

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Biographical / Historical

In 1972 Marsha Polier Grossman graduated from VCU with a BFA from the Department of Communication Arts and Design. Thus, well prepared as a graphic designer, she has put her education to use as an illustrator for the Division of State Planning and Community Affairs, as an assistant art director for an advertising agency, as an instructor of photography at the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, as a freelance photographer, and as a part-time graphic designer for Philip Morris U.S.A.

Early in the 1970s she simply started dabbling with watercolors on her own photographs, and was so pleased with the results that she began to explore the procedure in earnest. The diversity of the medium intrigues Marsha, and she feels that she has only begun to tap its potential. Sometimes she experiments with oils, pastels, or crayons, but watercolor remains her favorite medium because of its translucent quality and the control that she can maintain with brushes.

Marsha has distinguished herself in the fine art of hand colored photography. Her work has been published both nationally and internationally.

Source: "VCU School of the Arts, Alumni Edition 1"

Scope and Contents

The collection consists of correspondence, ephemera, newspapers, and postcards that document Grossman's life and career.

Keywords

Women artists.

Artists -- Virginia

Photography, Artistic

Custodial History

The collection was donated to the VMFA Archives by Marsha Polier in October 2023.

Arrangement

The collection is organized into 6 series, and items are generally arranged chronologically within each series. Items with no date are generally placed at the end at each series.

Description of Subordinate Components

Series 1: Artist Files

Unit ID VA-13-01

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71661

Unit Date 1968-2023

Resumes

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71666

Unit Date 2023

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Letters of Recommendation

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71667

Unit Date 1972-1980

Mixed Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Awards and Certificates

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71668

Unit Date 1974-2004

Mixed Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Memberships

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71672

Unit Date 1982-1986

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Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71680

Unit Date 1968-1991

Mixed Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Series 2: Exhibitions

Unit ID VA-13-02

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71662

Unit Date 1974-2001

Brochures and Catalogues

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71673

Unit Date 1974-2001

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Correspondence

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71679

Unit Date 1975-1984

Mixed Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Series 3: Artwork

Unit ID VA-13-03

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71663

Unit Date 1972-2004

Photo Postcards

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71669

Unit Date 1986-2004

Graphic Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Portfolio

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71670

Unit Date 1985-2004

Graphic Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Graphic Design Projects

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71671

Unit Date 1982-1992

Graphic Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Photographs of Marsha Polier

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71675

Unit Date 1972-1985

Graphic Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

Container VA13.03.0.004 (folder)

Portraits

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71685

Unit Date 1978-1982

Graphic Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Series 4: Teaching and Workshops

Unit ID VA-13-04

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71664

Unit Date 1977-1984

Teaching and Workshops

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71676

Unit Date 1977-1984

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Series 5: Sales and Commissions

Unit ID VA-13-05

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71674

Unit Date 1974-1991

Sales and Commissions

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71677

Unit Date 1974-1991

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Series 6: Publications

Unit ID VA-13-06

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71681

Unit Date 1974-2023

Articles and Interviews

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71682

Unit Date 1974-2023

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Magazines

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71686

Unit Date 1976-1984

Mixed Materials VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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Books

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/71687

Unit Date 1977-1995

Books VA-13 Box 1 (box)

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