

Annual Watercolor and Miniature Exhibition photograph collection

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Summary Information

Repository	The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, Dorothy and Kenneth Woodcock Archives
Creator	Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts
Title	Annual Watercolor and Miniature Exhibition photograph collection
Date [bulk]	
Date [inclusive]	1853-1969, undated
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Location note	
Language	English
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Abstract	<p>Comprehensive collection of photographs of PAFA's Annual Water Color and Miniature Exhibition Exhibitions, 1938-1953. Photographs are primarily black and white prints.</p> <p>Files have been fully digitized. You may access files here.</p>

Preferred Citation note

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Historical note

The annual exhibitions were large group exhibitions selected partly by jury and partly through invitation. By the early 1880s European art was no longer accepted, and the exhibitions took on a marked American character. The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts annuals were among the two or three most prestigious and important exhibitions in the country. Until 1903 the annual exhibitions included oils, watercolors, prints, drawings, and sculpture. In 1904 watercolors, prints, and drawings were segregated into a separate annual exhibition, which also featured the annual display of the Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters. Thus, from 1904 to 1953, the Academy mounted two annual exhibitions. In 1954 the Academy held only the 149th Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture; in 1955 only the special-format 150th Anniversary Exhibition took place; and in 1956 only the 151st Annual Exhibition of Painting and Sculpture was held. From 1957 to 1969 the annual exhibition of painting and sculpture alternated with the annual exhibition of watercolors, prints, and drawings. The exhibitions devoted to painting and sculpture occurred in 1958, 1960, 1962, 1964, 1966, and 1968.

The annual exhibitions (which included works from the Academy's permanent collection until about 1880) and some of the special exhibitions were indexed through 1870 by Anna Wells Rutledge. Her work, *Cumulative Record of Exhibition Catalogues, 1807–1870*, was published by the American Philosophical Society in 1955. This volume has been reissued, with additional material, by Sound View Press of Madison, Connecticut, and is the first of a three-volume series titled *The Annual Exhibition Record of the Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts*. Volume 2 indexes the annual exhibitions from 1876 to 1913, and volume 3 covers those from 1914 to 1968. All three volumes include informative background essays and research advice. Volumes 2 and 3 do not index the many special exhibitions or the annual exhibitions of watercolors, prints, and drawings, which were cosponsored by the Philadelphia Watercolor Club and the Pennsylvania Society of Miniature Painters. The latter series is indexed on file cards available in the Archives.

Annual exhibitions were accompanied by what modern usage would call a checklist, which contained virtually no narrative or descriptive material. Dimensions of works were not recorded. Illustrations consisted of pen and ink sketches from 1880 to 1884 and photographs from 1894 to 1969. After 1944 illustrations were limited to prizewinners. In *The Annual Exhibition Record*, illustrated works are denoted with a small open square.

Numerous prizes were awarded in both series of annual exhibitions, usually selected by the jury for the show. The winners in the oil/sculpture annuals are listed in the second and third volumes of *The Annual Exhibition Record*, which also contain descriptions of each prize. The Archives has a card-file index of prizewinners in the annual exhibitions of watercolors, prints, and drawings.

Installation photographs survive for 1877, 1893–96, 1898–1902 (limited), and 1903–12 (extensive). For 1913 to 1969 very few installation photographs are preserved. In most years, almost all of the photographs reproduced in the exhibition catalogues are also on file.

Scope and Contents note

Arrangement note

Arranged chronologically. Photographic mediums have been separated to promote preservation.

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access note

Collection is open for research.

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Related collections

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Controlled Access Headings

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Corporate Name(s)

Genre(s)

Geographic Name(s)

Subject(s)

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements note

Collection Inventory

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Date	Item Title	Box #	Folder #
undated	Various Water Color Exhibitions	1	1
undated	Various Miniature Exhibitions	1	2
1938	36th Annual Water Color Exhibition - Jury	1	3
1942	40th Annual Water Color Exhibition - Jury	1	4
1906	3rd Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	5
1907	4th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	6
1906	5th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	7
1907	6th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	8
1907	5th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	9
1908	6th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	10
1909	7th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	11
1909	8th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	12
1910	8th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	13
1911	9th Annual Water Color Exhibition	1	14
1911	10th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	15
1912	10th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 11th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	16
1913	11th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 12th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	17
1914	12th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 13th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	18
1915	13th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 14th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	19
1916	14th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 15th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	20
1917	15th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 16th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	21
1918	16th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 17th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	22
1919	17th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 18th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	23
1920	18th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 19th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	24
1921	19th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 20th Annual Miniature Exhibition	1	25
1922	20th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 21st Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	1
1923	21st Annual Water Color Exhibition and 22nd Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	2
1924	22nd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 23rd Annual Miniature	2	3

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	Exhibition		
1925	23rd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 24th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	4
1926	24th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 25th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	5
1927	25th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 26th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	6
1928	26th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 27th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	7
1929	27th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 28th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	8
1930	28th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 29th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	9
1931	29th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 30th Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	10
1932	30th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 31st Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	11
1933	31st Annual Water Color Exhibition and 32nd Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	12
1934	32nd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 33rd Annual Miniature Exhibition	2	13
1935	33rd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 34th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	1
1936	34th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 35th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	2
1937	35th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 36th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	3
1938	36th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 37th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	4
1939	37th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 38th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	5
1940	38th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 39th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	6
1941	39th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 40th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	7
1942	40th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 41st Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	8
1943	41st Annual Water Color Exhibition and 42nd Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	9
1944	42nd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 43rd Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	10
1945	43rd Annual Water Color Exhibition and 44th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	11
1946	44th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 45th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	12
1947	45th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 46th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	13

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1948	46th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 47th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	14
1949	47th Annual Water Color Exhibition and 48th Annual Miniature Exhibition	3	15
1950	48th Annual Water Color Exhibition	3	16
1952	50th Annual International Exhibition of Water Colors, Prints and Drawings	3	17
1953	51st Annual Water Color Exhibition	3	18