

National Press Club Archives

Finding Aid for the Lily Spandorf Caricature Collection, ca. 1987-1999

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Summary Information

Creator: Lily Spandorf
Title: Lily Spandorf Caricature Collection
Inclusive Dates: approximate dates 1987-1999
Extent: ½ linear foot
Language: All materials are in English
Repository: National Press Club Archives
Accession Number: 2004.171

Access and Use

Acquisition Information: Donated to the archives by Lily Spandorf
December 27, 1999
Access Restrictions: Open to researchers
Copyright: Lily Spandorf

History

The caricatures in this collection were all created by Lily Spandorf, an Austrian native whose paintings had chronicled the physical fabric of Washington since she quietly settled in 1960. Spandorf passed away on February 4, 2000 leaving her collection of caricatures done at the National Press Club to the archives.

Spandorf was an honors graduate of the Vienna Academy of Arts. She studied in London at St. Martin's School of Art and lived in Italy before she came to the United States in 1959.

She made her living with conjuring sketches and paintings for publications like *The Washington Post*, *Washingtonian magazine*, the *National Geographic* and for the old *Washington Evening Star* newspaper. She also exhibited her work in Washington, New York and Europe. Spandorf was also the official in-house artist during President John F. Kennedy's Administration. She painted the Kennedy family, including the baptism of John-John. Some of her paintings of Washington's vanishing buildings were collected in a 1988 coffee-table book, "*Washington Never More.*"

Arrangement

The collection is arranged in alphabetical order by last name of the person featured in each caricature. The collection consists of one box and one framed painting. There are five caricatures located in the Ballroom Hallway accompanying a photograph of Lily Spandorf. The framed painting is located with the other framed works of art located in the archives.

Collection Scope and Content Note

The caricatures found in this collection were donated to the National Press Club December 27, 1999 by Lily Spandorf. These caricatures feature people who were at the National Press Club during the 1990s. The caricatures are of long term members, foreign dignitaries, former presidents, television news journalists, politicians, entertainers, and well-known journalists. Each caricature includes the signature and sometimes a note from the subject. All of the caricatures were originally framed in plain silver frames with black velvet backing. They also included laminated name tags that were taped to the front of each frame. Due to the acidic and damaging nature of these frames and tags they were removed and the caricatures were placed in acid free folders in alphabetical order.

Included in the box with the caricatures is a guest book that was signed by guests attending a "Special Exhibition of Lily Spandorf Paintings 105th anniversary of Founding of the Washington Club." Date unknown.

The framed oil painting is of a building in Washington, DC and is located with the other framed photographs and paintings.

Box List

Box	Folder	Content
1	<u>A-C</u>	Albee, Edward – Playwright (1987) Alexander, H.R.H. – Crown Prince of Yugoslavia (May 15, 1991) Allen, Joe – Astronaut Anderson, Jack Block, Herb Brady, James “Bear” Brady, Sarah Brown, J. Carter - Preview, “Olympic Art Collection” (May 28, 1996) Buchwald, Art Cahn, Sammy Carpenter, Liz – Press Secretary to President Lyndon Johnson Chancellor, John Cronkite, Walter
	<u>D-H</u>	Dancers From Opera “GOYA” Donaldson, Sam Douglas, Kirk Erwin, Sam – North Carolina Senator Finnbogadottir, Vigdis – Former President of Iceland (October 1, 1991)

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1	<u>D-H</u>	Foley, Thomas
		Ford, Gerald R.
		Gekas, George – Congressman
		Gingrich, Newt
		Goldberg, Whoopie
		Gore, Tipper
		Grimsson, Olafur Fajnar – Former President of Iceland (July 21, 1997)
		Havel, Vaclav – Former President of Czechoslovakia
		Holbrook, Hal
	<u>I-Q</u>	Kelley, Kitty
		Kirkpatrick, Jean – Former U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations [Located in Ballroom Hallway]
		Kissinger, Henry
		Lamb, Brian
		Lisagor, Peter
		Maher, Bill – “Politically Incorrect” in panel “Decision ‘96”
		Mandela, Nelson – President of South Africa (July 4, 1994) [Located in Ballroom Hallway]
		Margaret, Queen of Denmark
		McGrory, Mary (February 21, 1991)
		Millo, Aprile – Famous Opera Star (February 28, 1990)

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1	<u>I-Q</u>	Moffo, Anna
		Norton, Eleanor Holmes
		Noyes, Newbold – Managing Editor of the <i>Washington Evening Star</i>
		Powell, Colin – General
		Quail, Marilyn
	<u>R-T</u>	Redford, Robert
		Russell, Mark
		Safer, Morley [Located in Ballroom Hallway]
		Saito, Kunihiko – Ambassador of Japan at the NPC 90 th Anniversary Gala (April 3, 1998)
		Sammon, Richard
		Sawyer, Diane
		Schwarzenegger, Arnold
		Shalala, Donna
		Shields, Mark
		Sidey, Hugh
		Silver Owls Spring Hoot 1989
		Simpson, Allan – Senator
		Spicak, Lawrence – “Meet the Press”
		Stearns, Jessie - Long time club member (November 6, 1978 ?)
		Strauss, Robert (June 21, 1999)

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1	<u>R-T</u>	Tufty, Esther von Wagoner – “The Duchess”
	<u>U-Z</u>	Volcker, Paul A. – Former Chairman, Federal Reserve Board swearing in Bud Karmin
		Walesa, Lech – Former President of Poland [Located in Ballroom Hallway]
		Washington, Walter – First Mayor of Washington
		Williams, Anthony (March 10, 1999) [Located in Ballroom Hallway]
		Yeltsin, Boris
1	<u>Other Materials</u>	Guest book containing signatures of guests attending “Special Exhibition of Lily Spandorf Paintings 105 th anniversary of Founding of the Washington Club