

An Inventory of the Walter Green Collection

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Dates: 1983-1989

Creator or Collector: Green, Walt (Walter Olin), 1905-1994.

Size: 1 linear foot plus artwork (approximately 375 linear feet)

Abstract:

This collection consists primarily of artwork by Walter Olin Green. It also contains a video tape of the installation of the triptych as well as clippings and some biographical information on the artist.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection consists primarily of artwork by Walter Olin Green, including a triptych, oil collage, 10 ink wash drawings, and 11 black ink drawings. It also contains a video tape of the installation of the triptych as well as clippings and some biographical information on the artist.

Biography of Walter Olin Green:

Walter Olin Green was born on April 3, 1905 in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He graduated from Hartford High School in Hartford, Connecticut and the Pratt School of Art in New York City. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1955 and a Master of Arts degree in 1956, both from the University of Northern Colorado.

Walter Green married Olive M. Caswell in Willimantic, Connecticut on October 7, 1942. During World War II he served with the Air Force engineers. After the war, he taught for the Denver Public Schools and the Emily Griffith School in Denver, Colorado. From 1965 to 1970, he taught fine arts at the University of Northern Colorado. Following his retirement, Green taught at the Tequesta Art School in Florida from 1973 to 1978.

He helped organize the Artists Equity and was its first president; an honorary member of the Colorado Watercolor Society, and the Fifteen Colorado Artists. He also served as the art chairman of the KRMA television series, "Artists Today and Yesterday."

Walter Green received many awards, including Duplers Award from the Cheyenne Art Guild; Creative Achievement Award from the University of Northern Colorado in 1984; co-recipient of the University of Northern Colorado's President's Award; co-recipient of an award from the Colorado Watercolor Society.

Walter Olin Green passed away on December 14, 1994 at Rose Medical Center in Denver, Colorado. He was cremated and interned at Elm Grove Cemetery in Mystic, Connecticut.

Sources:

"Walter Green." Obituary. *Greeley Tribune*, Dec. 24, 1994, p. A4.

"Honor 6 from Around the World." Photocopy. *Alumni News* (University of Northern Colorado), Sept. 1984, n.p.

Corder, Barb. "Local Artists Celebrate the UNC Centennial," *Greeley Style Magazine*, Spring, 1989, p. 18.

Arrangement (required for multiple level collections):

This collection is organized into the following series:

- Series 1 – Triptych “Search for Knowledge”
- Series 2 – Video tape presentation of triptych
- Series 3 – Exhibit file
- Series 4 -- Art depicting the history of the University

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Locations of Originals (if applicable):

Acquisition Information (if applicable):

Gift of Mr. and Mrs. Walt Green in 1988.

Documentation relating to the acquisition is on file in Archives, RG 13 S1 F2.

Subjects:

- Green, Walt (Walter Olin), 1905-1994.
- Mural painting and decoration -- Colorado -- Greeley.

Inventory:

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
Walter Green Collection	SC 51		Box	Folder 0 – Finding Aid	Finding Aid
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S1	Box	Folder	<p><i>Search for Knowledge</i>. Triptych. Panel 1: 55½”x79½.” Panel 2: 82”x97½.” Panel 3: 55½.”x79½” Total space used on wall: 212”x97½.”</p> <p><i>Search for Knowledge</i> is a triptych of murals completed by Green as his master’s thesis at the Colorado State College of Education at Greeley in 1956; it was designed for Carter Hall when it was the library. The paintings remained there until 1980 when major renovations of Carter began.</p> <p>They were removed from Carter Hall, cleaned, reframed and on October 15, 1983 installed on the</p>

Collection	MSS #	Series	Box	Folder	Title
					second floor of Michener Library where they are visible from the stairs.
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S2	Box	Folder	Video tape presentation of <i>Search for Knowledge</i> (Triptych). Video tape of the installation of the triptych (October 15, 1983, 7:00 p.m.). (missing 2/95)
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S3	Box	Folder	Exhibit file Materials in this file include biographical information on Walter Green who was on the faculty of Colorado State College of Education at Greeley from 1965-1970. Several articles explicated the symbolic intentions visible in the triptych.
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F1	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	Oil collage. 31"x41." Green used a variety of materials to create this oil collage of the history of the University of Northern Colorado.
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Graduation." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Student Outing." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Classroom Floor Seats." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Breaking Ground for the Faculty Clubhouse." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting	"Beautifying the Campus." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20."

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Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"The Cornerstone." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Laying the Cornerstone." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"First Faculty." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Returning from Denver Teachers' Association Meeting Riding in a Lumber Wagon." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F2	Box	Folder -- Art depicting the history of the University	"Copeland, Cooper, McCreery, Gipson." (1 of 10 ink wash drawings). 15"x20." Transferred to: Michener Library, Room 24
Walter Green Collection	SC 51	S4 F3	Box	Folder	<i>Central City</i> . Black ink drawing. 1 st of a series. 17"x11½." 11 copies.