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Eda Carter Williams Personal Papers (SC-12)

1940-1993

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Descriptive Summary

Unit ID

SC-12

Unit ID

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Unit Date

1940-1993

Mixed Materials

SC-12 Box 1 (box)

Language

English .

Abstract

The collection documents the service of Eda Carter Williams to the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Williams was nominated to be a Trustee of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts in 1954, and served for 11 years until 1965. She was also a founding member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Council in 1955 and served on the Council for 45 years, until 2000.

Creator

Williams, Eda Carter

Creator

Cheek, Leslie, 1908-

source

Martin, Eda W.

Extent

0.1 Linear Feet 1 box; 4 folders

Repository

Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Archives

Administrative Information

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

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Processing Information

Two annual reports (1954 and 1955), "Members' Bulletin" (September 1955), and the first issue of "Arts in Virginia" (1960) were transferred to the VMFA Library's holdings. Original newspaper clippings were photocopied and originals.

Preferred Citation

Eda Carter Williams Personal Papers (SC-12). VMFA Archives, Richmond, Virginia.

Biographical Note

Eda Atkinson Carter Williams gave a lifetime of community service and was still volunteering at Grace and Holy Trinity Episcopal Church when she died in 2002 at the age of 96. A 1927 graduate of Oldfield's School, Mrs. Williams was the widow of Walter Armistead Williams Jr., who died in 1971. She was a former president of the board for Richmond's Sheltering Arms Hospital, a past trustee of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, a charter member of the Junior League of Richmond, and a charter member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts Council.

In 1978, she was awarded the Junior League of Richmond's Barbara Ransome Andrews Award for her volunteer service, which included helping to establish the former Children's Theater of Richmond. Mrs. Williams crafted puppets for children's shows and wrote several puppet plays. An amateur watercolorist who loved writing, she was the author of several articles for local publications, including Richmond Quarterly, and was co-author of "The Lone Vixen," a play about Civil War spy Elizabeth Van Lew. Her interest in Virginia history and her own family history led her to help found the Richmond Committee of the Robert E. Lee Memorial Association, an organization that works to support Stratford Hall.

Source: "Eda Williams Dies at Age 96 - She was Known for Volunteering," Jennifer V. Buckman, Richmond Times-Dispatch, October 15, 2002

Scope and Contents

The collection's inclusive dates are 1940-1993, but the bulk of the material is from the 1950s. The collection is comprised of correspondence.

Keywords

Museum trustees -- Virginia
Melchers, Gari, 1860-1932
Melchers, Corinne Lawton
Belmont, the Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. Council
Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
Martin, Eda W.

Custodial History

The collection was donated by Eda W. Martin, daughter of Eda Carter Williams, in October 2003.

Arrangement

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

Description of Subordinate Components

Correspondence

Unit ID SC-12-01

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/4551

Unit Date 1940-1993

Language English.

Extent 4 folders

Series Description

This series is comprised of correspondence from Williams' work as a Trustee and Council member of the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts.

Gari Melchers Memorial

Unit ID SC12.01.0.001

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/4552

Unit Date 1940-1955

mixed materials SC-12 Box 1 (box)

Container Folder 1

Trustees

Unit ID SC12.01.0.002

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/4553

Unit Date 1954-1965

mixed materials SC-12 Box 1 (box)

Container Folder 2

Leslie Cheek Resignation

Unit ID SC12.01.0.003

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/4554

Unit Date 1957-1958

mixed materials SC-12 Box 1 (box)

Container Folder 3

Council

Unit ID SC12.01.0.004

Unit ID /repositories/2/archival_objects/4555

Unit Date 1969-1993

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Container Folder 4