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### Unit Date

Circa 1947-1993

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### **Processing Information:**

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## **Biographical Information:**

Carl Roseberg was an artist and art historian at William & Mary from the 1940s through the 1980s. Roseberg was born in Vinton, Iowa in 1916 and died on November 11, 1999 in Williamsburg, Virginia. He graduated from the University of Iowa and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and the Korean War as a specialist in air intelligence. He married Virginia Gorman in 1952 in Batavia, Iowa. His appointments at William & Mary were: Instructor in Fine Arts, 1947-1952; Assistant Professor of Fine Arts, 1952-1957; Associate Professor of Fine Arts, 1957-1966; Professor of Fine Arts, 1966-1982; On leave of absence: 1950-1952; Professor of Fine Arts, Emeritus, 1982.

## **Scope and Contents**

The Carl Roseberg Collection includes paintings and sculptures by the artist as well as Christmas cards and a calendar. Images of sculptures on display in Swem Library can be found at the [SCRC Flickr](#).

## **Related Materials:**

University Archives Faculty-Alumni File Collection (UA 10); University Archives Poster Collection (UA 12); University Archives Photograph Collection (UA 8).

## **Keywords**

Acrylic paintings (visual works)  
Calendars  
Christmas cards  
Figurines  
Statues  
Watercolors (paintings)  
Sculptors--United States  
College of William and Mary--Faculty and Staff  
Sculptors, American--20th century  
Sculpture, American

## **Physical Characteristics or Technical Requirements:**

Portions of the collection are on exhibit in administrative areas in the Earl Gregg Swem Library, including meeting rooms and the Special Collections Research Center's reading room, which may limit when

researchers are available to view items. Consult a staff member for details.

## Description of Subordinate Components

### **Series 1: Sculptures**

**Unit ID** id57559

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177674

**Unit Date** circa 1947-1990

#### **Bear**

**Unit ID** id57563

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177677

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture, Bear, bronze, 6 x 10. On display in the Special Collections Research Center. Consult a staff member in advance to view this item.

#### **Spiral Form II**

**Unit ID** id57600

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177678

**Unit Date** 1970s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture. A series of welded red steel rods were used to form a simple spiral. Spiral Form I was recreated, turned slightly on its base, and mounted. On display in the Roseberg Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

#### **Nike I (Winged Victory)**

**Unit ID** id57601

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177679

**Unit Date** 1960s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from mahogany wood. On display in the Roseberg Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

#### **Solar Boat**

**Unit ID** id57602

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177680

**Unit Date** 1960s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from brazed steel. On display in the Roseberg Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

#### **Ecce Homo--Marble**

**Unit ID** id57603

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177681

**Unit Date** 1960s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from Marble. On display in the Roseberg Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

#### **Classical Figure II**

**Unit ID** id57604

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177682

**Unit Date** 1960s

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from lignum vitae wood. On display in the Roseberg Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

### **The Eye**

**Unit ID** id57605

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177683

**Unit Date** 1976

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from cararra marble. On display in the Botetourt Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

### **Wrestlers**

**Unit ID** id57606

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177684

**Unit Date** pre-1947

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture made from Vermont marble. On display in the Botetourt Gallery on the Ground Floor of Swem Library.

### **Sentinels**

**Unit ID** id58279

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177685

**Unit Date** undated

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display outside the Board Room on the third floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from steel. Made of a steel rod framework, thick strips of steel were welded over the frame, then brazed over with bronze metal. The overall form is suggestive of a group of military men standing at attention.

### **Trisula**

**Unit ID** id58281

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177686

**Unit Date** 1960s

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display outside the Board Room on the third floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in the 1960s from mahogany wood. The piece of mahogany chosen for Trisula was a nice wide chunk of wood, yet not too deep; a piece of wood this wide is very rare. The curved forms of the sculpture emphasize the beauty of the grain.

### **Pinnacles**

**Unit ID** id58282

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177687

**Unit Date** 1979

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display outside the Administrative Offices on the third floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in 1979 from mahogany wood. This carving's design and shape intend to give an effect of rising forms to suggest how a person's life should overcome problems of life until they reach the ultimate pinnacle of their life.

### **Bird Form**

**Unit ID** id58284

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177688

**Unit Date** undated

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display in the Special Collections Research Center on the first floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from mahogany wood and is 18" x 24."

### **Twist**

**Unit ID** id58285

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177689

**Unit Date** 1981

### **Scope and Contents**

Shown here is a photograph of the sculpture Twist by Carl Roseberg on display in the Information Commons on the first floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in 1981 from teak wood. The figure is basically a growing plant form. Each unit becomes smaller toward the top just as a living plant grows.

### **Burst of Glory**

**Unit ID** id58287

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177690

**Unit Date** 1970s

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display in the Special Collections Research Center on the first floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in the 1970s from fir wood and copper. The wood structure is composed of laminated pipe plant which was then carved out with chisels. A welding torch was used to burn away the soft ridges of the grain. Large copper rivets soldered to a thick sheet of steel were attached in the back to make the center section.

### **Pierced Form**

**Unit ID** id58288

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177691

**Unit Date** undated

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display in the Special Collections Research Center on the first floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from walnut wood and is 30" with a 2" stand.

### **Spiral Form I**

**Unit ID** id58289

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177692

**Unit Date** 1970s

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture in the holdings of the Special Collections Research Center on the first floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in the 1970s from steel, fiberglass, and plastic. A simple spiral of welded steel rods, the spaces between the rods are filled in with polyester resin, making it a solid form rather than the open wire form of Spiral Form II. Consult a staff member in advance to view this item.

### **David's Harp**

**Unit ID** id58702

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177693

**Unit Date** 1960

### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created in 1960 from mahogany wood. The wood from David's Harp was wide, yet not too deep. The size of the wood seemed to suggest a narrow form, which was developed into a harp-like shape. The open spaces fit well into the design.

### **Space Needle**

**Unit ID** id58703

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177694

**Unit Date** circa 1976

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture on display outside the Swem Development office on the third floor of Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from teakwood circa 1976. This sculpture consists of a needle-like piece of teakwood suspended between two anchored teakwood forms. The needle appears to be ready to be launched into space.

### **Old Prophet**

**Unit ID** id58704

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177695

**Unit Date** 1950s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture is made of Albarene stone from Schuyler, Virginia and was created in the 1950s. The stone is a gray color when not polished. The beard and hair are unpolished while the face is polished. Albarene stone is commonly used for sinks and chemistry tables.

### **Untitled**

**Unit ID** id58705

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177696

**Unit Date** undated

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was made from white marble, undated.

### **Rhapsody**

**Unit ID** id58706

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177697

**Unit Date** 1990

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was made from Brazilian rosewood in 1990.

### **Great Swallowtail**

**Unit ID** id58707

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177698

**Unit Date** 1950s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture is made of welded steel and was created in the 1950s. Great Swallowtail is made of found materials. The welded wings were cut from an old automobile fender and the body is composed of different sized pieces of pipe. A large nail attaches the swallowtail to an umbrella stem which fits into the chunk of found limestone.

### **Standing At Gate**

**Unit ID** id58710

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177699

**Unit Date** undated

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary.

### **Jezebel from the larger sculpture Last Judgement**

**Unit ID** id58711

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177700

**Unit Date** 1950-1960

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture is made from walnut wood sometime between 1950 and 1960. The sculpture shows Jezebel lifting her hair.

### **Ecce Homo--Ebony**

**Unit ID** id58712

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177701

**Unit Date** 1960s

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from ebony wood in the 1960s. In tis ebony figure Roseberg changed the usual position of Christ's arms and hands to emphasize what would be the most uncomfortable positions the arms could be placed and bound. The ebony wood is hard and the finest detail can be carved into this wood.

### **Conversation**

**Unit ID** id58713

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177702

**Unit Date** 1988

#### **Scope and Contents**

Sculpture located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from mahogany wood in 1988. Featured here are two carved heads of a man and woman. The two walnut heads retain the basic shapes of the blocks from which they were carved. They were split from the same section of tree trunk.

### **Bactrian Camel**

**Unit ID** id58714

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177703

**Unit Date** undated

#### **Scope and Contents**

Structure located in Swem Library at the College of William and Mary. The sculpture was created from terracotta, undated. The camel's expression might suggest that he has just bitten his keeper. The terracotta sculpture was Roseberg's second attempt to create a hollow form with ceramic clay.

## **Series 2: Paintings**

**Unit ID** id57560

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177675

**Unit Date** circa 1950-1990

### **Jones Hall**

**Unit ID** id57567

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177704

#### **Scope and Contents**

Acrylic, New Campus, Jones Hall, framed 14.5 x 18. On display in the Earl Gregg Swem Library. Consult a staff member in advance to view this item.

### **Millington Hall**

**Unit ID** id57568

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177705

#### **Scope and Contents**

Acrylic, New Campus, Millington Hall, framed 14.5 x 18. On display in the Earl Gregg Swem Library.

Acrylic, New Campus, Millington Hall, framed 14.5 x 16. On display in the Earl Gregg Swem Library. Consult a staff member in advance to view this item.

### **Bruton Parish Church**

**Unit ID** id57569

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177706

**Mixed Materials** Artifacts Box 603

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Bruton Parish Church, unframed 19 x 13.5

### **Colonial Capital**

**Unit ID** id57570

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177707

**Mixed Materials** Artifacts Box 603

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Colonial Capital, unframed 13.5 x 19.

### **Crim Dell**

**Unit ID** id57571

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177708

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor with ink, Crim Dell, framed 16.5 x 17.5. On display in the Earl Gregg Swem Library. Consult a staff member in advance to view this item.

### **Boardwalk Tangier Island**

**Unit ID** id57572

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177709

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 6 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Boardwalk - Tangier Island, unframed, in 19 x 23 mat.

### **Storm Over Tangier Island**

**Unit ID** id57573

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177710

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 7 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Storm Over Tangier Island, framed 20 x 26. In storage in Special Collections Research Center.

### **Oyster Shack with fishing boat**

**Unit ID** id57574

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177711

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 8 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Oyster Shack with fishing boat. Matted and framed. Frame measures 17.25" (height) x 22.5" (width) x 1" (depth)

### **Farm on the Hill with fishing boat**

**Unit ID** id57575

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177712

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 9 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Farm on the Hill with fishing boat, matted and framed. Frame measures 17" (height) x

watercolor, farm on the hill with fishing boat, matted and framed. Frame measures 17 (height) x 22.75" (width) x 1" (depth).

### **Rocky Coast of Maine, Ogunquit, Maine**

**Unit ID** id57577

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177714

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 11 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, titled "Rocky Coast of Maine, Ogunquit, Maine" of a Maine shore scene, matted and framed. Frame dimensions 18.25" (height) x 35.25" (width) x 1.5" (depth).

### **Tulip Time, College Corner**

**Unit ID** id57578

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177715

**Unit Date** 1984

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 12 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Tulip Time College Corner, 1984. Matted and framed. Frame measures 15.25" (height) x 24.25" (width) x 1" (depth)

### **Harbor Portsmouth, N.H.**

**Unit ID** id57576

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177713

**Graphic Materials** Series 2, Painting 13 (Frame)

#### **Scope and Contents**

Watercolor, Harbor Portsmouth, N.H., framed 18 x 36.

### **Series 3: Miscellaneous**

**Unit ID** id57561

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177676

**Unit Date** 1981-1993

#### **Calendar**

**Unit ID** id57565

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177716

**Unit Date** 1984-1985

**Mixed Materials** 1 (Folder)

#### **Christmas Cards from Carl and Virginia Roseberg**

**Unit ID** id57566

**Unit ID** /repositories/2/archival\_objects/177717

**Unit Date** 1981-1993

**Mixed Materials** 2 (Folder)