



Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives
Guide to the Nancy Bowen collection
1898-10-01
MC/6

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Nancy Bowen collection

Creator: Bowen, Nancy

Date(s): 1898-10-01

Quantity: 1 box

Language of Materials: English

Call Number: MC/6

Administrative/Biographical History

Nancy Bowen is a mixed media artist known for her eclectic mixtures of imagery and materials in both two and three dimensions. Her sculpture and drawing exists in an in-between zone of form and idea, of abstraction and representation. Her work offers a poetic commentary on our quickly changing material culture. Like an artistic archeologist in this age of globalization and post-industrialization, she salvages (often disappearing) ornament and craft traditions and incorporates them into sculpture and drawings.

Bowen has had over a dozen solo exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe including the Lesley Heller Gallery in NYC, Annina Nosei Gallery in NYC, Galerie Farideh Cadot in Paris, the Betsy Rosenfield gallery in Chicago, and the James Gallery in Houston. She has been included in group shows in various museums around the country. Her work has been reviewed widely in such journals as *Art in America*, *Artforum*, *Glass Magazine*, *Sculpture Magazine* and a host of newspapers. She has won awards from the Anonymous was a Woman Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts, The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, The Jentel Foundation, the European Ceramic

Work Center and the Brown Foundation Fellowship at the Dora Maar House and the European Ceramic Work Center among others. She attended Stanford University, received a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an MFA from Hunter College (CUNY).

She has taught at Bard College, Sarah Lawrence College, and Columbia University, among other institutions. She is currently an Associate Professor of Sculpture at Purchase College, S.U.N.Y. She maintains a studio in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

(Source: Bowen, Nancy. Artist website. http://nancybowenstudio.com/?page_id=2, accessed 2019-08-21.)

Scope and Content

This collection contains an 1898 letter to Richard Bowen on USS Massachusetts letterhead, as well as tiles created by Nancy Bowen.

Related Materials

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System of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Correspondence; and Art Works.

Access Points

New York Naval Shipyard
Art
Bowen, Nancy
Bowen, Richard
Correspondence
USS Massachusetts (BB-2)

Administrative Information

Accession Number(s): N/A

Acquisition Notes: This collection was donated by tenant Nancy Bowen directly to the BNYDC Archives in 2011. This collection has a collection documentation file, but there is no deed of gift.

Processing Notes: This collection was processed by Elizabeth Mc Gorty, Archivist and Records Manager, in August 2019.

Access and Use

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Related Material at the BNYDC Archives: N/A

Container List

Series 1: Correspondence

Box 1 (4-D-4-13)	Title	Date	Object ID
Folder 1	Letter to Richard Bowen	1898-10-01	

Series 2: Art Works

Box 1 (4-D-4-13)	Title	Date	Object ID
Object 1	Yellow tile	Undated	
Object 2	Purple tile	Undated	
Object 3	Black tile	Undated	
Object 4	Blue tile	Undated	