

DONNA WYNBRANDT COLLECTION

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

Repository:	Folklife Center Crandall Public Library Glens Falls, NY
Creator:	Wynbrandt, Donna
Title:	Donna Wynbrandt Collection
Dates:	unknown
Quantity:	1 box
Identification:	Folk Art & Artifacts
Accession #:	ACC 2023.10
Abstract:	Collection of three paintings by Donna Wymbrandt 46 color photographs of her work and exhibitions.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Self-taught watercolor and ink artist Donna Wymbrandt is based in Cambridge, NY. She began painting seriously in the 1990s while living in New York City, where she was “discovered” by renowned street photographer George Forss, who later became her life partner and collaborator. Wymbrandt’s work has often been shown and sold at Forss’ former gallery, Ginofor Gallery, as well as Bedlam Farm and Valley Artisans Market in Cambridge. A 2007 Post Star article quoted her saying, of her work, “I’m fascinated by the human figure in its natural relaxed poses. You just want to see it and draw it...I’m very sensitive to body language.”

These pieces and the included photographs were purchased from the estate sale of Molly and Bob Oakley. Molly Oakley invited Wymbrandt to draw portraits of her fifth-grade students in order to raise funds for a class trip to Washington, D.C. in 2001.

INDEX TERMS

Topics:

Places: Cambridge—Washington—New York

Important People: Wymbrandt, Donna
Oakley, Molly

Form/Genre: Realia

ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS

Folder 001:

11.25" x 7.5" watercolor piece on raw edged paper dated May 2002, #3 and signed by the artist. The two figures in the piece are labeled "Zak Hunt" and "Chris Leslie".

Folder 002:

Roughly 5.75" x 5.5" watercolor piece on raw edged paper. Inscription across piece reads, "Cambridge, NY. Dear Molly Oakley, June 12th was a hard day for you, wasn't it? Wishing you a better June 13th. Sincerely, Donna W."

Folder 003:

5.5" x 7.5" watercolor piece on raw edged paper. Dated 2001 and signed by the artist.

Folder 004:

48 color photographs, 4"x6"; in photo sleeves within file folder