

## Finding Aid for Russ and Connee McKinney Collection

**Date range:** 1911-2010 and undated; bulk 1975-2010

**Finding aid created by:** Elizabeth Jones-Minsinger, July 2019

**Extent:** 0.834 linear feet

**Abstract:** The Russ and Connee McKinney Collection consists primarily of graphic designs created by the McKinneys for artists, musicians, Arden Club gilds, and community events from the 1970s to the 2000s.

**Accession number:** 2018.026.001

**Language:** Materials entirely in English

**Acquisition Information:** Gift of Russ and Connee McKinney, 2012-2018

**Access Restrictions:** The collection is open for research.

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### Biographical Note:

Russell "Russ" McKinney and Connee Wright McKinney moved to Arden, Delaware, in 1969. The McKinneys formerly rented studio space in the old Arden Craft Shop. Russ McKinney is an artist best known for his copper embossings, although he is also a painter, photographer, poet, and blues guitarist. Connee Wright McKinney worked in the Publications Office at the University of Delaware and is also the owner of McKinney Graphic Designs. Known for her calligraphy and graphic design work, Connee McKinney designed the first t-shirt for the Arden Fair. She was also a Trustee of the Village of Arden.

### Scope and Content:

The Russ and Connee McKinney Collection consists primarily of graphic designs created by the McKinneys for artists, musicians, Arden Club gilds, and community events from the 1970s to the 2000s. The collection also includes work by other local artists, including Ken Mabrey, Armando Brito, and Louise Roberts.

Materials in this collection show the McKinneys' involvement with the Arden Community Recreation Association (ACRA) and the Ardens G3 (Get Going Green) Green Star Program, an environmental advocacy group. They also highlight Connee Wright McKinney's work chairing the Hurricane Katrina Relief and Rebuilding Fund and her involvement as co-chair of the Bow Wow Ball in September 2006, a community-wide fundraising event for hurricane relief. Objects related to the Bow Wow Ball are catalogued as numbers 2012.017.001-2012.017.008.

**Subjects:**

Mckinney, Russell  
Mckinney, Connee Wright  
Graphic arts  
Arden (Del.)  
Arden Community Recreation Association (ACRA)  
Buzz Ware Village Center

**Separated Items:**

The Russ and Connee McKinney collection also includes a large number of drawings, prints, photographs, t-shirts, and graphic design materials that have been catalogued individually under the following object numbers:

- 2012.015.001-2012.015.074
- 2012.016.001-2012.016.017
- 2012.017.001-2012.017.008
- 2014.009.001-2014.009.004

**Container List:**

<b>Russ and Connee McKinney Collection</b>	
<b>Box 1</b>	
F1	ACRA Board meetings and events, 1983 September to December
F2	ACRA Board meetings and events, 1984-1985, 1995
F3	ACRA-related issues of the Arden Page. 1982 September-1985 April
F4	ACRA events designs by Connee McKinney, 1981-1993 and undated

F5	Advertisements and designs for artists and musicians, 1977-2010 and undated
F6	Buzz Ware Village Center events, 1990-1993 and undated
F7	Buzz Ware Village Center survey and renovation plans, 1990-1994
F8	Ardens G3 Green Star Program, 2007-2009 and undated
F9	Over 80's Party designs, 1999-2008
F10	Shakespeare Gild designs by Connee McKinney, 1996
F11	Russ McKinney designs (not originals), 1978-2002
F12	Russ and Connee McKinney designs (not originals), undated
F13	Connee McKinney designs (not originals), 1979-2004 and undated
F14	Russ McKinney shows, 1976-2010 and undated
F15	Personal papers, 1978-2002 and undated
F16	Ken Mabrey art and designs, 1991-1996 and undated
F17	Work by other artists, ca. 1990s-2000s
F18	Lisa Hurlong articles, 1990
F19	News clippings, 1976-2009 and undated
F20	Arden news clippings, 1975-1993 and undated
F21	Bow Wow Ball and Hurricane Relief, 2005-2006
	<b>Box 2</b>
F22	Arden publications, 1911-1932, 2000
F23	Guest book, 1972-1983
F24	Armando Brito slides, 1992
F25	Roberts Press and Louise Roberts designs, ca. 1920s-1930s
F26	Photographs, ca. 1980s-2010s
F27	Miscellaneous, 1978-2000 and undated