

Finding Aid to the
Holiday Card Collection

National Museum of Women in the Arts

Scope and Content Notes:

This collection of 47 twentieth-century hand-made holiday greeting cards was donated to the NMWA in Spring 2000 by David Freund and David Clark, and accepted by Krystyna Wasserman, Director of the Library and Research Center.

Number	Description	Artist	Date
1	"Merry Christmas, Lucy Wallace 1930" greeting, watercolor on handmade (?) paper featuring a city scene through the window of a decorated house.	Lucy Wallace	1930
2	Folding card with illustration after 1927 Jacynth Parsons watercolor "Peace on Earth" pasted on outside front, inside "With best wishes for Christmas and the New Year"	Lucy Wallace	1933
3	Postcard format, printed image of deer on green paper. Message: "Greetings this Christmas Time."	Lucy Wallace	Not given
4	Folding card with hand-colored print of a girl in a red cloak and green bonnet by a holly bush cradling a bundle of holly-leaf dolls. Inside: "An armful and heartful of Good Christmas Cheer."	Lars	Not given
5	Folded card with ink sketch of figures around a Christmas tree, with "Crismus Joy to Lucy" written beneath. Inside, hand-written message finishing with "I have made one for you myself."	H.P.M	Not given
6	Folded card with watercolor on front of the Magi sighting the star in the clearing of a forest, inside, letter to Lucy and Lars from "K."	K. (?)	Not given
7	Postcard format, "Good Cheer to You This Christmas Day, Vera Bruce and Ned Allen, A.D. 1927." Back: hand-written message to Lucy.	Vera Bruce	1927
8	Postcard format, pencil drawing of a riverside house. Message reads "Merry Christmas Lars	Chaleneu (?) Agneau Jr.	1921

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	from Chaleneu.”		
9	Postcard format, watercolored image in upper left corner of a carpenter forming a “T.” Message: “The time has come, the walrus said, to think of Christmas things. Of trees and dolls and cross-stitched towels, Of socks and ties and rings. The Carpenter just shook his head and shed a bitter tear. The war’s made such an awful mess, Let’s just send Love this year.”	Chaleneu (?) Agneau, Jr.	Not Given
10	Folded card with printed scene of family pulling a child in a sleigh near a house at night, “Christmas Greetings.” Inside, handwritten message to Lucy and Lars from Marie and Rupert, Christmas 1933.	Not given	1933
11	“The Henry Hubbels” greeting, folding card printed with a candle on the outside front and opening to “A shower of good wishes for a merry Christmas from all of us,” depicting a family dropping from the clouds over a small village.	Henry Hubbell	Not given
12	Printed scene in blue on thin, handmade folded paper, a small village with mountains in the background.	Not given	Not given
13	Folding card with Vanessa Helder “Wide Open Spaces” reproduction pasted on outside front, inside “Merry Christmas and best wishes for a happy new year. Published by American Artists Group.	Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald Keillor	Not given
14	Postcard format, “1914 Lila and Oscar Howard wish you a most merry Christmas.” Painted card design with a wreath and two figures, a man and woman, in 18 th century dress.	Oscar Frederick Howard	1914
15	Postcard format, “Greetings Oscar and Lila Howard.” Image of 16 th century style page, hand-colored with pencils.	Oscar Frederick Howard	Not given
16	Postcard format, “Christmas Greetings from	Oscar Frederick	1938

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	Oscar and Lila Howard." Cartoon image of the family heading from Westport, Conn. to the Hotel Van Rensselaer in New York City.	Howard	
17	Postcard format, "Christmas Greetings from Oscar and Lila Howard, 1939 Westport Connecticut." Cartoon image of the family digging out of a snowdrift.	Oscar Frederick Howard	1939
18	Postcard format, "1940 Christmas, Greetings from Oscar and Lila Howard from Stone Court Farm, Lahaska, Bucks County Pennsylvania." Cartoon scene of family making their way through the snow to a farmhouse.	Oscar Frederick Howard	1940
19	Folding card, outside front decorated with print of a house, colored partly by watercolor. Hand-written message: "Merry Christmas 1926, 93 Brookside Avenue, Paldwell, New Jersey." Inside: "Merry Christmas to Lucy and best wishes for a very happy New Year – Constance and Paul."	Not Given	1926
20	Postcard format, watercolor image of a woman holding a candle and pulling a toy tree. "Wishing you a very Merrie Christmas, Georgina."	Georgina	Not given
21	Folding card, outside front printed with image of winter village, inside "Christmas Greetings from Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Blodgett and Betty Blodgett, 1927."	Margaret Blodgett	1927
22	Folded card with printed "Greetings" scene with a woman, two dogs, a peacock and a man fishing, hand-watercolored. Inside: "The Thomas Harper Blodgetts, – All, from old and large to young and small, together cut their Christmas tree and shout their Christmas ecstasy: among the hills - as seems most wise - they take this vocal exercise and send the essence of it merely to friends who yearn to get it yearly; so, - listen to them as they shout, - the Blodgetts, dogs, peacock and trout!"	Margaret Blodgett	Not given

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23	Twice-folded card with design printed after floral watercolor decoration. Message: "Peace, Grace, Everlasting Pleasure, Wednesday December Twenty-five, One thousand Nine hundred Forty." Inside: "The floral emblems of eighteen-hundred and twenty-five bring you best wishes for a Merry Christmas in nineteen-hundred forty. Margaret and Tom Blodgett."	Margaret Blodgett	1940
24	Twice-folded card with design printed after floral watercolor decoration around the letter V. Message inside: "With Victory we shall have Peace, represented by the olive. To preserve Peace we must enfold her in the Bonds of Love, the honeysuckle, and support her by Fidelity in Friendship, the ivy. Christmas Greetings, 1941, Margaret and Tom Blodgett."	Margaret Blodgett	1941
25	Twice-folded card with design printed after floral watercolor decoration. Message inside: "The Christmas Rose (Heleborus Niger) blooms at the low ebb of the year, through frost and snow, when every other plant has snuggled to bed for the winter. According to legend it first appeared at the time of Christ's birth. In the language of the flowers, beloved of poet and lover in the early nineteenth century, it was the emblem of pure courage in adversity. Today, when the whole world is war-torn, its blooming symbolizes the ultimate birth of freedom for all through pure courage. Christmas Greetings 1942, Margaret and Tom Blodgett."	Margaret Blodgett	1942
26	Folded card, print of framed needlework image of a house, garden, a pool flanked by statues and the family dogs. Inside message: "Five years have passed. The Berkshires smile again. The soft contours of our ageless hills reclaim the view of visitors and friends. The garden blooms. The Great Pine conceded nothing to the years of war. True, the red fox continues to disturb and frighten our water	Margaret Blodgett	1947

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	fowl. The horned owl levies toll on the pheasants. But on this Christmas the blessings dominate. Peace and good living to you are the hearty wishes of Margaret and Thomas H. Blodgett. Christmas 1947.”		
27	Folding card, hand screened. Outside front: “Noel” in gold with green and red holly decorations, inside “Hail beloved friends, old and new, Blodgett blessings are winging toward you Coupled with wishes for holiday cheer, Joy, peace, and health through the New Year. Margaret and Tom, Bonraye Yu Fei, Jai Wang Toi, Christmas 1954.”	Jane Jarvis	1954
28	Folding card with printed (screened?) “Greetings” design, inside: “With every good wish for Christmas and the year to come, Betty and Fred Cross.” Hand-written message on inside left.	Design by Mary Barbara Owen	Not given
29	Folding card with screened poinsettia design in red, green and silver pasted on outside front (by “Bowmon”). Inside: “Season’s Greetings, Betty and Fred Cross,” hand-written message on inside left.	Bowmon (?)	Not given
30	Folding card with painted Santa head on front, “Wishing You a Merry Christmas, The Bill Deanes.” Inside blank.	Not Given	Not Given
31	Folding card on yellow paper with cut-out Christmas tree in black, green, orange and yellow, and NOEL painted in lower right corner. Inside: “deHonds” painted in lower right corner.	de Honds (?)	Not given
32	Folding card with printed manger scene outside front after engraving by Katie McDonald, “In Bethlehem.” Inside: “To wish you every happiness for Christmas and in the New Year.” Hand-written message from Edith and Billy.	Katie McDonald	Not given
33	Folded card, printed scene of red sunrise over blue cityscape “Greetings.” Inside: “A Merry	Not given	Not given

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	Christmas – and a happy New Year – Gaston and Marthe, Pierre, Francoise, Ade and Andre de Bethune.		
34	Folded card, print hand-colored with watercolor of village scene. “Greetings.” Inside, hand-written message that adds “This card made by Greek girl.”	Not given	Not given
35	Folded card with watercolor of a pink rose. “A Christmas Rose, Season’s Greetings.” Inside, a second rose in the lower right corner, and “From the George E. Harts.”	Not given	Not given
36	Folded card with watercolor image of a sleigh and a village, inside, hand-written message.	Sarah M. Robertson	Not given
37	Postcard format, watercolor and gold paint. Two angels holding candles bracket the message “Godful! From Karin and Louis.”	Karin Shackelberg	Not given
38	Postcard format, watercolor of a winter village in grey and white.	Karin Shackelberg	1927
39	Folded card with pre-printed message and window flanked by Swedish flags. Inside, watercolor featuring St. Lucia’s Day celebration.	Karin Shackelberg	Not given
40	Folded card with hand-colored print: “Happy New Year from Clara Atkinson,” featuring an artist holding a palette painting at an easel. Blank inside.	Clara Atkinson	Not given
41	Folded card with printed image of a duck with a daisy. Message: “I guess I am a funny duck but I do wish you a very Merry Christmas” signed “Bug.” Blank inside.	“Bug”	Not given
42	Folded card with image of orange fishes in green water, and the message “Ye Gods and Little Fishes!” Inside also printed green with white lettering, “ <u>What</u> a Christmas I’m wishing for you!” signed “Bug!”	“Bug”	Not given
43	Twice-folded card with watercolor city-scene pasted inside top, signed “H.R.M.” “Merry	Helen R.M. (?)	Not given

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	Christmas and a Happy New Year from Helen.”		
44	Postcard format, “A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from Edith Cleaves Barry, 1916.” Printed image of a Japanese woman decorating a small tree, and blackbirds flying around a paper globe-shaped lantern.	Edith Cleaves Barry	1916
45	Folded card, black printed scene on white of Mercury leading in January First, 1927 by the hand. “May the Gods send you a New Year laden with propitious gifts.” Inside blank.	Edith Cleaves Barry	1927
46	Folded card with red lettering on front in gothic font: “Christmas Greetings from the Desert, 1935.” Inside, a scene of a horse and foal near cacti with mountains in the background. “And a happy New Year, Edith Barry.”	Edith Cleaves Barry	1935
47	Twice-folded card, grey-blue and black printed image of L’Arc de Triomphe in wintertime, “Greetings.” Inside: “All the Best Wishes for the Holiday Season, Marie and Lucien Alesso.”	Not Given	Not Given