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By *Jeanne Brasile*

The Walsh Gallery presents Seton Hall Re-Collects, a crowd-sourced exhibition featuring the university's collections. Objects on display were selected by those who have worked with them, collected them or used them for research. Participants include students, faculty, staff, interns, volunteers, donors and scholars from other institutions – each contributing a label written in their unique voice which



Toy Figurine of Man with Pack papier-mâché Gift of the Japan Society M2845.

describes their interest in the object(s) they chose. The show includes of a wide array of art, artifacts and rare books including Japanese toys, historic 19th century ledgers, 17th century engravings, Roman and Byzantine coins, a print by Salvador Dalí and a medal from the Second Vatican Council – among other items. The show is on view September 12 – December 9, 2022.

The show's inspiration draws on a series of exhibits organized by the Art Department in the 1980s titled Seton Hall Collects. Each exhibition highlighted a related group of objects; traditional Japanese prints, Modern paintings and contemporary American prints. This reboot similarly highlights the collections though the selections are not limited to any one medium or type of object to emphasize the breadth and scope of the university's holdings. Labels reflect the writers' perspectives, favoring personal and contextual information about the objects over their physical attributes which was once the fashion for exhibitions. Gallery Director Jeanne Brasile conceived the idea of the exhibition when she found an old exhibition catalogue from 1984 featuring Japanese prints while researching the Asian art collection. "This exhibition harkens back to the history of Seton Hall and the people who cultivated the many collections we enjoy today, while bringing this time-honored format into the future. It was exciting to see the exhibition take shape through the eyes of our collaborators."

Seton Hall University's beautiful main campus is located in suburban South Orange, New Jersey, and is only 14 miles from New York City – offering students a wealth of employment, internship, cultural and entertainment opportunities. Seton Hall's nationally recognized School of Law is prominently located in downtown Newark. The University's Interprofessional Health Sciences (IHS) campus in Clifton and Nutley, N.J. houses Seton Hall's College of Nursing and School of Health and Medical Sciences as well as the Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine at Seton Hall University. The Walsh Gallery, located on the first floor of the Walsh Library is open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday–Friday. Groups of 8 or more must register in advance. Admission to the gallery and its programs is free and open to the public.

Please view more items from Seton Hall's Special Collections and Walsh Gallery on Google Arts & Culture at <https://artsandculture.google.com/partner/the-walsh-gallery-at-seton-hall-university>.

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