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Collection Summary

Repository: Archives and Special Collections Library, Vassar College Libraries

Creator: Janish, Jeanne R.

Title: Jeanne Russell Janish Papers

Dates: 1924-circa 1970

Quantity: 0.2 cubic feet (1 box)

Abstract: The collection contains botanical illustrator Jeanne Russell Janish's original paleontology drawings from a class at Stanford University and her original drawings for *Flowers of Point Reyes National Seashore* by Roxana Ferris (Berkeley, University of California Press, 1970). Also included are two oil paint sketches by Janish of Vassar College's Chapel and Library and Chapel.

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Biographical Note

Jeanne Russell Janish (1902-1998), a botanical illustrator, inherited her interest in science and her artistic ability from her parents. Her father was a paleontologist, and her mother studied and drew animals and flowers. During summer visits with her grandparents in Colorado she met botanists at a summer school run by the University of Minnesota. However, Jeanne Russell did not decide to become a scientific illustrator until she was a graduate student in geology at Stanford University, where she studied after graduating from Vassar College in 1924. At Stanford she built a reputation as an illustrator specializing in botanical subjects, and taught scientific illustration from 1936 to 1942. Janish produced over eleven thousand drawings for publication. She was married to Carl F. Janish, a businessman, who shared her enthusiasm for travel.

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Subject Headings

Names:

- Ferris, Roxana

Subjects:

- Botanical illustration
- Botany--California--Point Reyes National Seashore
- Paleontology
- Scientific illustration
- Scientific illustrators
- Women artists

Document Types:

- Drawings (visual works)
- Illustrations

VCL Categories:

- Art and Artists
- Nature and Natural History

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Encoding Information

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Administrative Information

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

Original processing date unknown. Updated by Emma Gronbeck, March 2023.

Acquisition Information

Gift of Jeanne Russell Davis.

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Container List

- Folders 1-5 Drawings for *Flowers of Point Reyes National Seashore* by Roxana Ferris, circa 1970
- Folder 6 Drawings made for Dr. James Perrin Smith's paleontology class at Stanford University, 1925
- Folder 7 Oil paint sketch of Thompson Memorial Library, 1924
- Folder 8 Oil paint sketch of Vassar College Chapel, 1932

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