

The Collections Committee met on May 18, 2026 to review potential donations to the permanent collection and to discuss setting goals for the strategic plan. The Committee unanimously recommends accessioning the following works into the permanent collection.

Lee Godie

Three works by Lee Godie are offered as a gift by Mark Fancher. All untitled circa 1987-1992. They were purchased directly from the artist by Mark's late partner Michael Mettler, who befriended Lee and would visit with her on his lunch hours from his commercial real estate job on Michigan Avenue. I inherited them when he passed away in 2004.

About Lee Godie

Lee Godie (1908-1993) was an American self-taught artist active in Chicago from the late 1960s through the early 1990s. At the end of her life she was represented by the Carl Hammer Gallery. Their work is in the collections of many museums, including the Smithsonian Museum of American Art, the American Folk Art Museum in New York City, and the Milwaukee Art Museum.



Untitled, image size 14" x 22", framed size 21.5" x 30" this is a portrait of a woman and appears to be some sort of color (perhaps watercolor? crayon?) on poster board. On the reverse is a portrait of a man

(perhaps a priest?) in black pen. Both front and back are signed, the reverse also says "\$200" presumably written by the artist



Untitled. image size 14" x 20", framed size 19.5" x 26" this is portrait of a woman in red and black pen, I believe it is on canvas (perhaps a window shade). This is not signed on the front, I don't recall if it is signed on the reverse.



Untitled. image size 22" x 27", framed size 28.5" x 34" this is a portrait of a woman and grapes in black pen, with red color (crayon perhaps?) on poster board with the word "Hello Everybody Artist Emily Godie". The reverse has the beginning / outline of a hand and woman's profile and the words "Portrait Title Godie French Impressionist"

Russell Schwindt Painting

This painting is offered as a donation to the Museum from Russell and Darlene Schwindt

Approx 35 x 24, Portrait of Russ as a child



Russel Schwindt in the RWAM Collection:



2008.009, June on Branch River, 2008, 14x20, oil