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Goward Family Art Collection at Saanich Archives

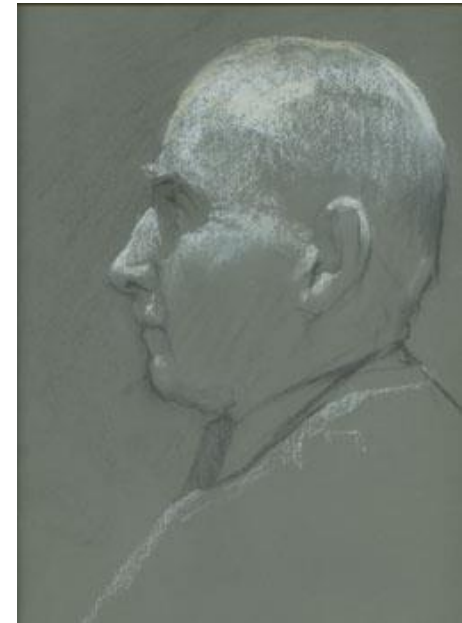
Saanich residents Elizabeth and Owen Goward were successful portrait, landscape and commercial artists from the late 1940s through to the 1980s and left a significant and lasting legacy to the Greater Victoria visual arts community. In 2007 the Goward family generously donated a significant collection of family records, photographs, letters, sketchbooks, and paintings to Saanich Archives. In addition to the works by Owen & Elizabeth, the collection includes works of art by the Beales (Owen's mother's family) dating back to the 1840s.



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Elizabeth Goward (1910-2002)

Elizabeth Goward began painting portraits in 1920, when just ten years old. A graduate of the Art Institute of Philadelphia, she had a long career working primarily in oils and pastels – painting everyone from local families to Lieutenant Governors. Elizabeth and Owen Goward were married in Oregon in 1938. Eight years later they returned to Saanich to live in the Cadboro Bay home built by Owen's parents in 1908.



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Elizabeth Goward

Mainly a portrait artist, Elizabeth Goward also produced commercial art. Her line of greeting cards from the 1960s show her additional talents as landscape artist.



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Owen Goward (1906-1983)

Like his mother's side of the family (the Beale family), Owen Goward excelled at watercolours. Taught to paint by his governess as a child, he studied art by correspondence through the Royal Academy in London, England. His landscapes were exhibited at the Art Gallery of Greater Victoria and across Canada in collections owned by Canadian Pacific.



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Owen Goward

Owen Goward also had a successful career as commercial artist. Clients such as Canadian Pacific Steamship Lines reproduced his watercolours in menu covers and advertisements. Like his wife he produced a line of greeting cards portraying scenes of British Columbia.



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Beale Family

Saanich Archives holds a large collection of Beale family watercolours dating back to the 1850s. The Beales, from Owen Goward's side of the family, lived in Europe and India for many years and documented their travels through watercolours.

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