

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH AND BEYOND AT THE CROCKER



March is Women's History Month, but the Crocker Art Museum celebrates women year 'round! For nearly 20 years, Crocker CEO Lial A. Jones and Chief Curator Scott A. Shields have committed to increasing the number of women artists represented in the Museum's permanent collection from dozens to thousands. Shields estimates that women artists now represent roughly 25 percent of the collection – a stark contrast to other major museums, where the numbers average less than five percent. And the work continues, with acquisitions and gifts of art to the Museum bringing important work and the women who craft them to light.



Ruth Miller Kempster (American, 1905 - 1978), *Working Stiff*, circa 1934. Oil on canvas. Crocker Art Museum purchase with contributions from the George and Bea Gibson Fund; da M. Lawrence, Marcy Friedman; David Gibson and William Ishmael; Nancy Lawrence and Gordon Klein; William L. Snider and Brian Cameron; Cecilia Delury and Vince Jacobs; Gloria Naify; and others, 2017.109.

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