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FROM THE DIRECTOR

There is no doubt that 2020 was a challenging year. When the Library & Museum closed to the public in March, we had no idea when we would return or what the future would look like. However, our staff, Board of Directors, and supporters alike came together to support the NSLM in extraordinary ways.

The 2020 Annual Report shows how the NSLM not only survived but thrived. Programs that were traditionally in-person went virtual for the first time, such as our monthly Sunday Sketch and Coffee with the Curator series. Additionally, virtual tours of exhibitions like *Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration* and *Leading the Field: Ellen Emmet Rand* were made available. These efforts were immensely successful and led to the participation of more than 38,000 people. More people visited our blog, *Drawing Covert*, and website than ever before.

Our team continued to impress me with their creativity. We even turned the annual community Blessing of the Animals into a drive-thru and saw dozens of furry and feathered friends.

The Museum reopened in July with two pop-up exhibitions: *In Bronze: Herbert Haseltine* and *Recent Acquisitions: Benson and Pleissner*. The former featured the 12 Herbert Haseltine sculptures in the permanent collection, alongside a loan, to show the artist's evolution and range, and the latter highlighted five angling paintings by Frank Weston Benson and Ogden Minton Pleisser donated that spring. The exhibition schedule had to be adjusted with *Thrill of the 'Chace: Steeplechase in Art* postponed from the spring of 2020 to the fall. We are appreciative of the many exhibition lenders who were flexible, and all generously agreed to the schedule change. *Thrill of the 'Chace* opened in October with virtual programs and tours available.

The Library hosted *A Horse of Course: The Equine Image in Art*, a traveling exhibition of reproduction photographs from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts. VMFA Curator Jeffery Allison spoke in a virtual program about the history of horse imagery.

Our Polo Classic was able to move forward in an modified format with additional safety measures in place, including limited ticketing and socially-distanced tailgate tents. Despite the numerous changes, it was a successful event; the support shown to the NSLM was heartening and inspiring. To return the community spirit, portions of the proceeds were donated to Seven Loaves Services and the Fauquier County Food Bank.

We know and understand how difficult 2020 was for everyone, and we are grateful for our wonderful community. Thank you for your support and thoughtful contributions.

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Elizabeth von Hassell, Executive Director

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ABOUT THE NSLM

Founded in 1954, the National Sporting Library & Museum (NSLM) is located in Middleburg, the heart of Virginia's beautiful hunt country. The inviting 6-acre campus, worldclass research Library, and fine art Museum highlight the rich heritage and tradition of country pursuits and advocates for the conservation of landscape, open space, and waterways integral to these activities. Angling, wingshooting, horsemanship, shooting, steeplechasing, foxhunting, flat racing, polo, coaching, and wildlife are among the subjects one can explore in the institution's general stacks, rare book holdings, archives, and art collection. The NSLM offers a wide variety of educational programs, exhibitions, and family activities throughout the year.

MISSION

Dedicated to preserving, promoting, and sharing the literature, art, and culture of equestrian, angling and field sports.



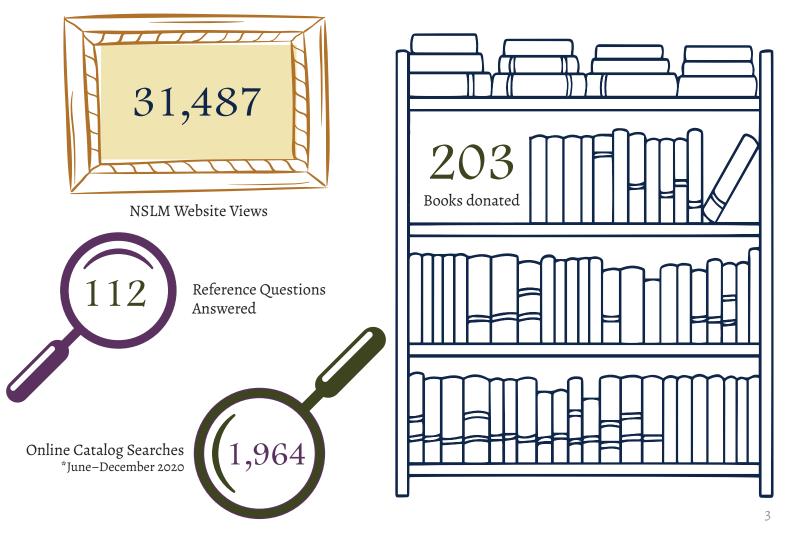




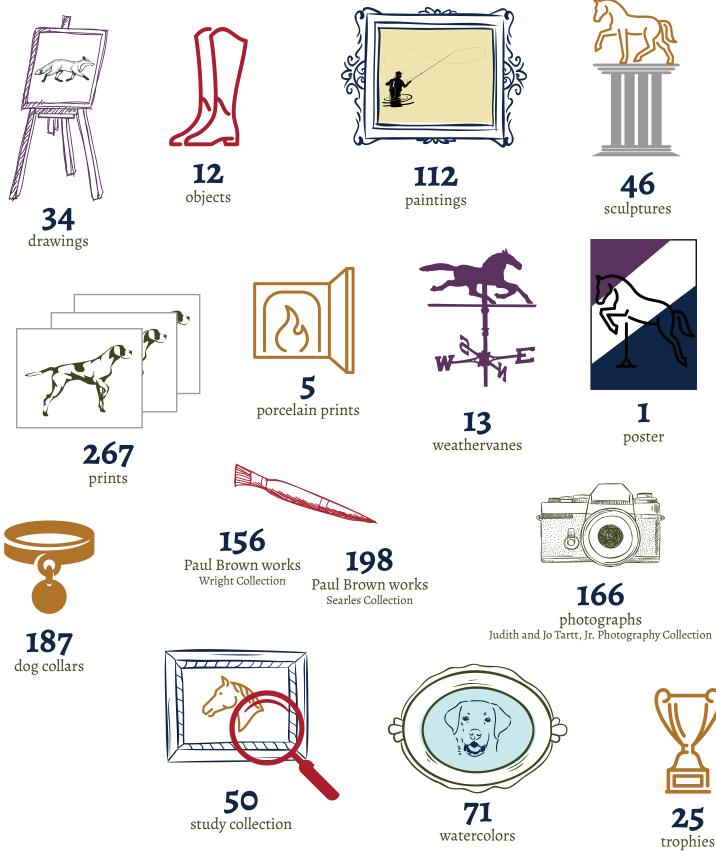
Total Virtual and In-Person Attendance (Museum, Library, Education, and Events)



Drawing Covert Blog Views Record High Viewers from 127 Countries



MUSEUM COLLECTION



Total: 1,343 objects

EXHIBITIONS



Pencil, Pen, and Brush: Paul Brown: An Illustrated Life September 25, 2019 – February 2, 2020

> Leading the Field: Ellen Emmet Rand October 4, 2019 – June 30, 2020

Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration traveling exhibition organized by the Brandywine Conservancy and Museum of Art February 8, 2020 – March 13, 2021

> In Bronze: Herbert Haseltine July 17 – August 23, 2020

Recent Acquisitions: Benson and Pleissner July 17, 2020 – May 1, 2021

Thrill of the 'Chace: Steeplechase in Art September 9, 2020 – March 21, 2021

A Horse of Course: The Equine Image in Art Virginia Museum of Fine Art Statewide Partnership Program traveling exhibit October 7, 2020 – March 28, 2021



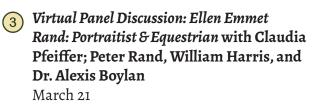


Events and Programs

Coffee with the Curator: *Ellen Emmet Rand* February 15

Siegfried Sassoon: Hunting in the Trenches with Professor Charles Caramello February 20

- **Portraiture Workshop with Carol Buswell** February 27
- 2 Read Across America & Dr. Seuss Day March 1



Reining in the Beast with Katrin Boniface June 18

[Virtual] Coffee with the Curator: *Phyllis Mills Wyeth* June 20

[Virtual] *Riding & Music in the Renaissance* **with Dr. Robert Eisenstein** July 9

Middleburg Life Livestream Tour of *In Bronze: Herbert Haseltine* August 19

[Virtual] Master Class with Andre Pater September 12









MIDDLEBURGLIFE



2020 Polo Classic presented by MARS EQUESTRIAN[™] September 13

[Virtual] Coffee with the Curator: Thrill of the 'Chace October 3

4 Drive-through & Virtual Interfaith Blessing of the Animals with Emmanuel Episcopal Church October 4

> [Virtual] The State of the Bear with Blair Smyth from The Nature Conservancy October 8

Big Book Sale October 16–18

[Virtual] Lunch with the Librarians: *Cover Art from the Vault* November 7

[Virtual] A Horse of Course: The Equine Image in Art with VMFA's Jeffery Allison December 3



Protecting nature. Preserving life.

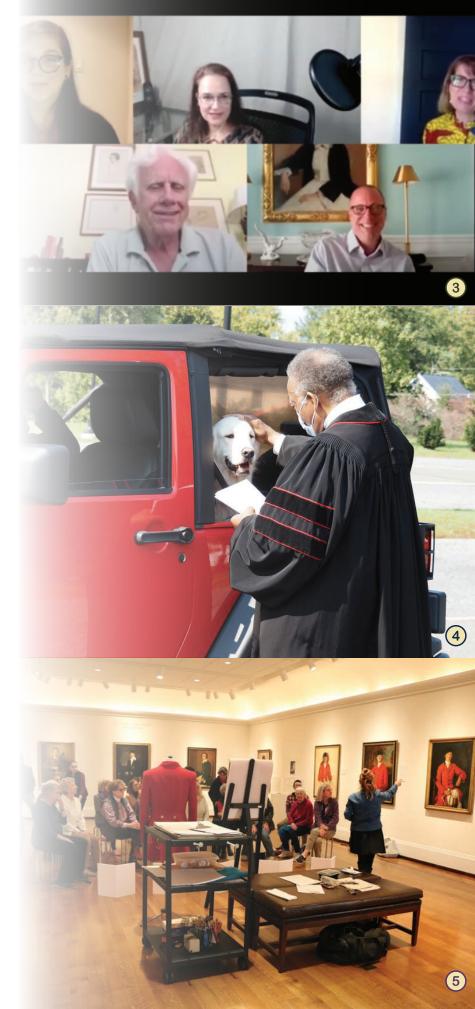


n-Sunday Sketch!

Sunday Sketch is a recurring program held the last Sunday of every month.

January & February *Sunday Sketch* were held in-person prior to Covid-19 restrictions.

Sunday Sketch resumed virtually in May.



ACQUISITIONS

Permanent Collection

1 Joan Danziger (American, b. 1934) Black Star, 2016 metal and glass, 32 x 48 x 17 inches Purchased with funds donated by an Anonymous Donor, 2020

2 Sir Alfred J. Munnings (British, 1878–1959) A Winner at Epsom, c. 1948 oil on canvas, 39 x 47 ¹/₂ inches Gift of Jacqueline B. Mars, 2020

> Frank W. Benson (American, 1862–1951) *Lower Camp Pool*, 1928 oil on canvas, 32 x 40 inches Gift from a Private Collection, 2020





Ogden Minton Pleissner (American, 1905–1983) **The Bridge Pool, Ballynahinch**, 20th century oil on canvas, 24 x 40 inches Gift from a Private Collection, 2020

Ogden Minton Pleissner (American, 1905–1983) Heavy Water, St. John, 20th century watercolor, 19 x 30 inches Gift from a Private Collection, 2020

Ogden Minton Pleissner (American, 1905–1983) **Fisherman on the George Pool**, 20th century 5 watercolor on paper, 18 x 28 inches Gift from a Private Collection, 2020

Frank W. Benson (American, 1862–1951) **Setting Out**, 1926 watercolor on paper, 18³/₄ x 28³/₄ inches Gift of Mrs. Frederic C. Hamilton, 2020 Jules Moigniez (French, 1835–1894) *Life size Pointer with Pheasant*, c. 1860 bronze, 35 x 53 x 28 inches Estate of Ralph O'Connor, 2020

(attributed to) Edwin Landseer (English, 1802–1873) **Study of a Fox**, n.d. watercolor, 9 ³/₄ x 11 ¹/₄ x 1 inches Gift of Bruce McCashin, 2020

Mildred Sands Kratz (American, 1923–2013) **End of the Line**, 1970 watercolor, 30 ¹/₂ x 37 inches Gift of Patricia Cox Panzarella and Thomas Panzarella, 2020

George Goodwin Kilburne, Sr. (British, 1839–1924) **Coach and Four**, n.d. oil on panel, 5¹/₂ x 8¹/₂ inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Leesa Sandys-Lumsdaine (British, 1936–1985) **Reclining Fox with Rat**, n.d. oil on panel, 8 x 10 ¹/₄ inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

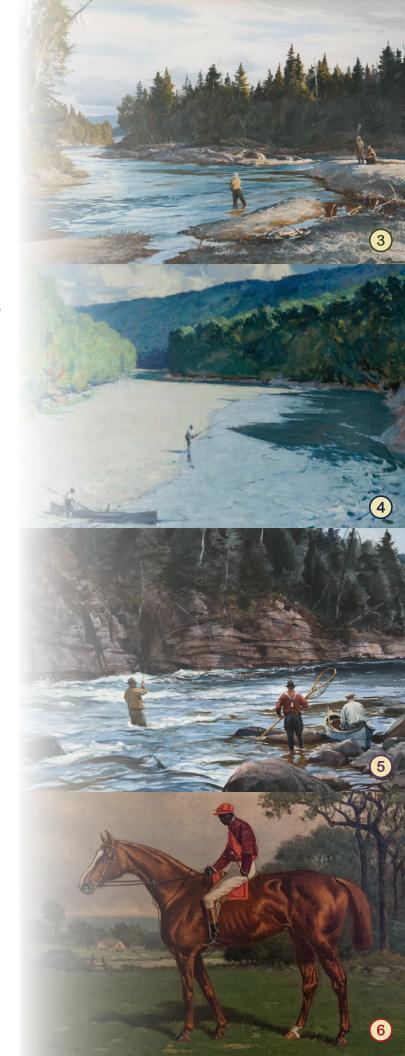
Raoul H. Millais (British, 1901–1999) *Mr. Jorrocks*, n.d. oil on canvas, 9 ¹/₂ x 7 ¹/₂ inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Fay Mowery Moore (American, 1936–1985) *Interplay of Colors*, late 20th century pastel and mixed media on canvas, 7¹/₂ x 9¹/₄ inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Sir Alfred J. Munnings (British, 1879–1959) *In the Stalls*, n.d. oil on canvas, 12 ³/₄ x 16 inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Henry Stull (American, 1851–1913) 6 [unidentified jockey and racehorse], n.d. oil on canvas, 10 x 14 inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Annual Meeting, Winner of Virginia Gold Cup, 1969 and 1971 photographs, jockey silks, and gold trophy, 36 x 42 ¹/₂ inches Gift of John W. Warner and family, 2020



(after) Aiden Lassell Ripley (American, 1896–1969) **Point on Quail**, c. 1935 drypoint etching, 17 ¹/₄ x 21 ¹/₄ inches Gift of an Anonymous Donor, 2020

(after) Aiden Lassell Ripley (American, 1896–1969) **Duck Blind**, c. 1935 drypoint etching, 18 x 21 ¹/₂ inches Gift of an Anonymous Donor, 2020

(after) Frank Weston Benson (American, 1862–1951) **Man with a Gaf**, 1925 etching, 19 x 16 ³/₄ inches Gift of an Anonymous Donor, 2020





James Edwin Dean (American, 1863–1935) **A Rooster and Hen and A Rhode Island Red Rooster**, n.d. oil on Minton china plaque, 11 ¹/₂ x 11 ¹/₂ inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

Lionel D.R. Edwards (British, 1878–1966) *Into the Dingle, Huntsman and Hounds*, n.d. gouache and watercolor, 18 x 14 inches Gift of Katrina Hickox Becker, 2020

John Emms (English, 1844–1912) **Dachshund**, 1897 oil on canvas, 19 x 23 ¹/₄ inches Gift of Dr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Greenan, 2020

DIGITAL ARCHIVE COLLECTION

Charles Rumph Sporting Photo Collection of Charles Rumph

(135 photos, 195 transparencies and slides, and artist archives) Gift of Shirley Z. Johnson, 2020

STUDY COLLECTION

unknown artist **Cheval de Chasse**, n.d. print, 7³/₄ x 9³/₄ inches Gift of Lynne Kindersley Dole, 2020

Paul Desmond Brown (American, 1893–1958) **Polo Player**, 1938 ink on paper, 11 ¹/₄ x 8 ⁵/₈ inches Gift of Lynne Kindersley Dole, 2020 Alfred de Dreux (French, 1810–1860) **Groom with horses**, 19th century print, 11 ¹/₈ x 15 inches Gift of Lynne Kindersley Dole, 2020

Lionel Edwards (British, 1878–1966) **The Quorn**, set of four lithographs, various sizes Gift of the daughters of Ginvera M. Hunter, 2020 Henry N. Woolman, III (American, 1932–2019) **Fishing rod**, 20th century cork, metal, and bamboo, each 45 ¹/₂ inches long Gift of Mrs. Jacqueline B. Mars, 2019

The Orvis Company **Reels and cases**, 20th century suede, metal Gift of Mrs. Jacqueline B. Mars, 2019



2020 John H. Daniels Fellows

Michael Cronin Professor, Boston College (resides in Ireland) James Brendan Connolly—The First Olympian (triple jump opening day of revived Olympic Games in Athens, 1896)

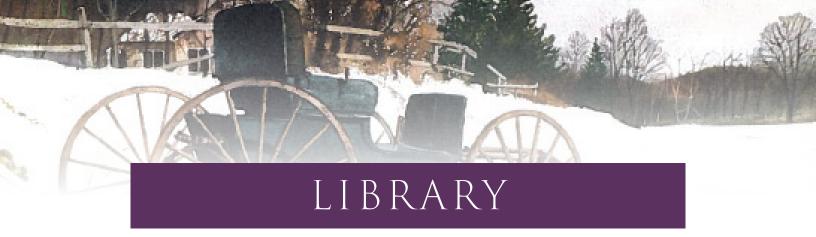
The following fellows were deferred to 2021 due to the pandemic

Adélaïde de Savray Independent Researcher **Women's equestrian portraits, 16th–20th century**

David Gerleman Professor of History, George Mason University **My Companion in All Places: Horses and Horsemanship in the Civil War Era, 1850–1865**

Elizabeth McCague Ph.D. Candidate, University of Maryland **The Evolution of Equestrian Culture in Central Virginia**

Jane Desmond Professor of Anthropology, University of Illinois *Animals and the Imaginative Ethnography of Poetry*

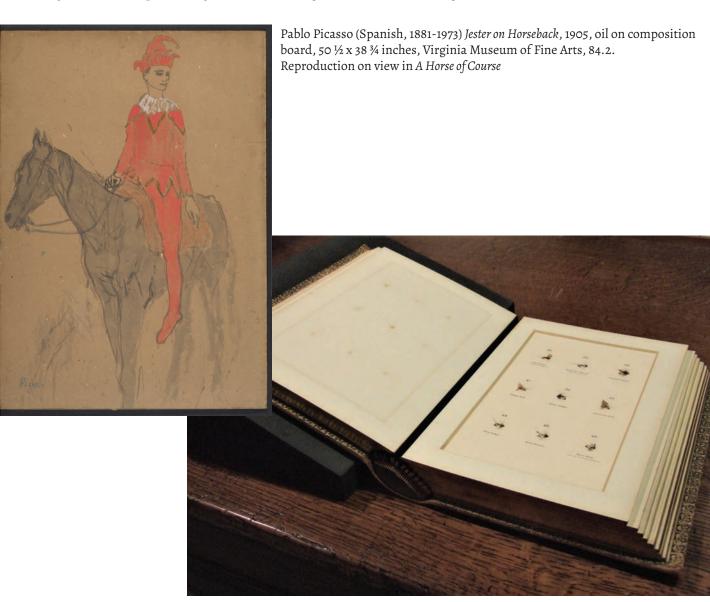


EXHIBITIONS

The Library's Forrest E. Mars, Sr. Exhibit Hall featured two exhibitions, which are also available online:

Angling in Special Collections

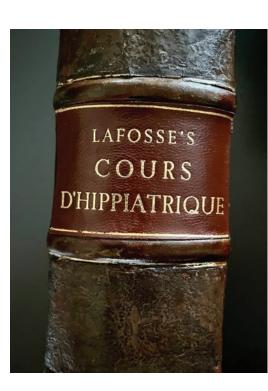
A Horse of Course: The Equine Image in Art, traveling exhibit from the Virginia Museum of Fine Arts



Dry Fly Entomology, Volume II by Frederick M. Halford (1897). London: Vinton & Co., Limited. The gift of John H. and Martha Daniels. Featured in *Angling in Special Collections*.

Restorations

Restoration of books through the Book Adoption Program allows the NSLM to save fantastic treasures in need of care before returning to use. All of them contain noteworthy historical information on equestrian, angling, and field sports. In 2020, 22 books were adopted through charitable giving and the Book Adoption Program.





Cours d'hippiatrique by Philippe–Etienne Lafosse (1772). Paris: Chez Edme.

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The National Sporting Library & Museum wishes to thank and recognize all those who supported us from **January 1–December 31, 2020**: contributors to annual giving, the Polo Classic, and special projects; in-kind donors to the Library & Museum; lenders of artwork to Museum exhibitions; organizational partners; and volunteers. Your support is vital to the success of NSLM. We are grateful for gifts at all levels and appreciate our many donors and friends.

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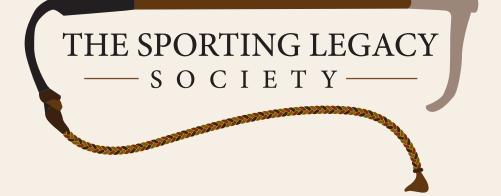
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Inventory
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Total current assets
Pledges Receivable, Noncurrent
Long-Term Investments
Property Held for Sale
Property, Plant and Equipment, at cost
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Land
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Total Assets22,586,611

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P. 5, Clockwise from top right: Ellen Emmet Rand, (American, 1875-1941) *Fletcher Harper, Esq (1874-1963), MFH The Orange County,* 1931, oil on canvas, 43 ¹/₂ x 34 inches, Masters of Foxhounds Association Foundation; *Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration* exhibition entrance; Ogden Minton Pleissner, *The Bridge Pool, Ballynahinch*; George Stubbs (British, 1724–1806) *Shark with His Trainer Price,* 1775, oil on canvas, Virginia Museum of Fine Art, reproduction on view in *A Horse of Course*; John Sturgess (British, op. 1869–1903) *Before the Start* (detail), 1882, oil on canvas, 26 x 17 ¹/₂ inches, Private Collection, on view in *Thrill of the 'Chace*; Herbert Haseltine (American, 1877–1962) *Percheron Mare: Messaline and Foal,* modeled c. 1922-24, cast in 1925, bronze with greenish-brown patina and stone, 21 ¹/₂ inches high, purchased with funds by a private donor, 2019 and *Percheron Stallion: Rhum*, modeled c. 1922-24, cast in 1925, Parcel-gilt bronze with greenish-brown patina and stone, 28 inches high, purchased with funds by a private donor, 2019 and *Percheron Stallion: Rhum*, modeled c. 1922-24, cast in 1925, Parcel-gilt bronze with greenish-brown patina and stone, 28 inches high, purchased with funds by a private donor, 2019, on view in *In Bronze: Herbert Haseltine*; Jamie Wyeth (American, b. 1946) *And Then into the Deep Gorge*, 1975, on view in *Phyllis Mills Wyeth: A Celebration; Pencil, Pen, and Brush: Paul Brown: An Illustrated Life* exhibition.



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