

# BROOKLYN NAVY | YARD

## Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives Guide to the Nancy Bowen collection October 1 1898 MC/6

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Brooklyn Navy Yard Development Corporation Archives  
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### Title

Nancy Bowen collection

### Creator

Bowen, Nancy

October 1 1898

### Quantity

1 box

### Language Of Materials

English.

### Call Number

MC/6

### Administrative/Biographical History

Nancy Bowen is a mixed media artist known for her eclectic mixtures of imagery and materials in both two and three dimensions. Her sculpture and drawing exist in an in-between zone of form and idea, of abstraction and representation. Her work offers a poetic commentary on our quickly changing material culture. Like an artistic archeologist in this age of globalization and post-industrialization, she salvages (often disappearing) ornament and craft traditions and incorporates them into sculpture and drawings.

Bowen has had over a dozen solo exhibitions throughout the United States and Europe including the Lesley Heller Gallery in NYC, Annina Nosei Gallery in NYC, Galerie Farideh Cadot in Paris, the Betsy Rosenfield gallery in Chicago, and the James Gallery in Houston. She has been included in group shows in various museums around the country. Her work has been reviewed widely in such journals as *Art in America*, *Artforum*, *Glass Magazine*, *Sculpture Magazine* and a host of newspapers. She has won awards from the Anonymous was a Woman Foundation, National Endowment for the Arts, the New York Foundation for the Arts, The MacDowell Colony, Yaddo, The Jentel Foundation, the European Ceramic Work Center and the Brown Foundation Fellowship at the Dora Maar House and the European Ceramic Work Center among others. She attended Stanford University, received a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago and an MFA from Hunter College (CUNY).

She has taught at Bard College, Sarah Lawrence College, and Columbia University, among other institutions. She is currently an Associate Professor of Sculpture at Purchase College, S.U.N.Y. She maintains a studio in the Brooklyn Navy Yard.

(Source: Bowen, Nancy. Artist website. [http://nancybowenstudio.com/?page\\_id=2](http://nancybowenstudio.com/?page_id=2), accessed 2019-08-21.)

### Scope And Content

This collection contains an 1898 letter to Richard Bowen on USS Massachusetts letterhead, as well as tiles created by Nancy Bowen.

### System Of Arrangement

This collection contains 2 series: Correspondence; and Art Works.

## **Access Points**

USS Massachusetts (BB-2)

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