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Cover: Girl On Beach, 1917

Oil on board 11 ½ x 15 ½ in.

Collection of Barbara Mirr

PREFACE

Were it not for the widely pervasive spread of Impressionist ideas throughout the world, it would perhaps be unexpected to find an Impressionist painter working in the strongly Teutonic environment of Milwaukee during the first half of the twentieth century, far from the late nineteenth century French roots of this artistic development. Unlike the familiar Impressionist artists such as Monet, Renoir, and Sisley, Spicuzza is of Italian descent. He is one of a number of non-French Impressionist artists who emerged in various places throughout the world including Scandanavia and the United States.

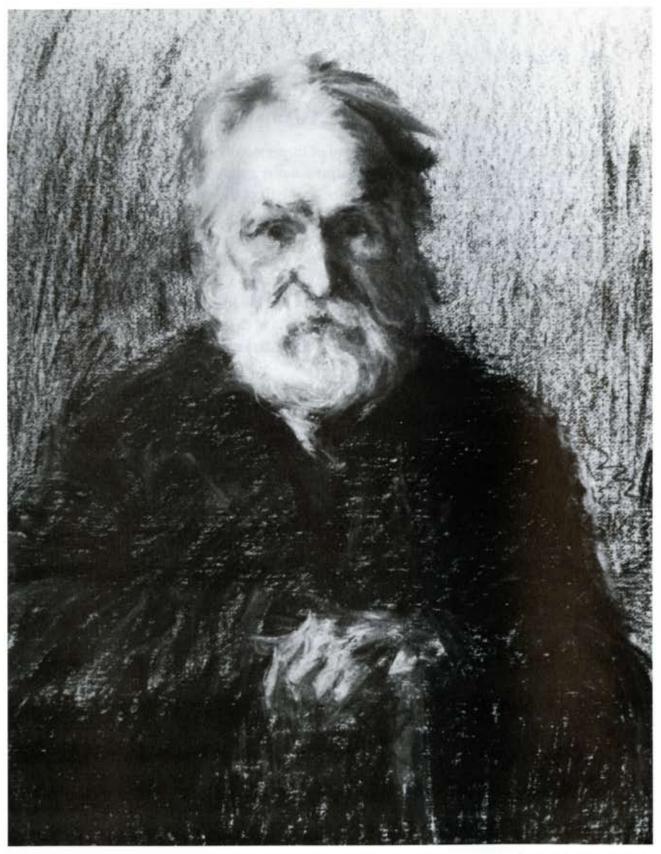
He did not escape the strong Germanic influences of his adopted city since his earlier training in Milwaukee was under the tutelage of artists of the Munich school. This influence is especially noticeable in his portraits which are often darker in tone and mood than one expects of an Impressionist.

Spicuzza mainly confined himself to local subjects and scenes. It is not surprising to see in his paintings prominent Milwaukee citizens such as the colorful attorney and art collector I. A. Dinerstein and the popular Marquette president Edward J. O'Donnell, S.J., or the signatory lake images that dominate life along Milwaukee's east side. It is thus to be expected that Spicuzza's art would be found in the homes of Milwaukee's most discerning collectors and art institutions including the Milwaukee Art Museum and others.

This exhibition, curated by Kit Basquin, brings together a representative collection of Spicuzza's most important work. It is the first time in many years that the public has been able to view a substantial body of the artist's work for enjoyment, comparison, and critical appraisal. Thus the exhibition offers admirers, art critics, and historians alike the opportunity to study and assess the artistic contributions of Spicuzza. His paintings consistently surprise the viewer with their beautiful passages and glimpses of life in the Milwaukee of his time.

The exhibition continues a series of regional art at the Haggerty Museum, which has included such artists as Karl Priebe and Lucia Stern, documenting the history of Wisconsin artists.

Curtis L. Carter Director



61. The Critic, c. 1913, Pastel on board, 25 $\frac{1}{2}$ x 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. Collection of the Haggerty Museum of Art, Gift of the Walter Schroeder Foundation, Inc. (85.8.3)

FRANCESCO SPICUZZA:

Painter of Life and Light

John Russell, art critic for *The New York*Times, said in his book *The Meanings of*Modern Art:

Art is there to tell us where we are, and it is also there to tell us who we are. It gives pleasure, coincidentally, but primarily it is there to tell us the truth.¹

Russell credited artists with the ability to make sense of the complex experiences of life. He said that the artists, by mastering life for themselves, could teach others how to bear it.²

Francesco Spicuzza (1883-1962), Wisconsin Impressionist, showed his viewers how to enjoy the simple things in life like playing in the surf, admiring a sunset, savoring a vase of flowers. He said may times that he wanted to make happy pictures that would stimulate a sense of joy in his viewers.³

An Italian who emigrated from Sicily at the age of eight, Spicuzza rose from poverty to become a respected artist and teacher. As a young boy, he sold fruit for his father in the Third Ward. He did not start school in the United States until he was fourteen. Best known for his Impressionist bathing scenes of Bradford and McKinley Beaches and of Cedar Lake during the 1910s and 1920s, he also painted Milwaukee's outstanding citizens, including lawyers, businessmen, teachers, artists, and society women. His other subjects included waterscapes of Lake

Michigan and Wisconsin's inland lakes and rivers, as well as landscapes and floral still lifes.

Impressionism focused on what the eye saw and also on the technique of painting itself. French Impressionists such as Claude Monet (1840-1926), Auguste Renoir (1841-1919), and Camille Pissaro (1830-1903), painted fleeting moments of everyday life and observations of nature, particularly light and atmospheric effects. Their Impressionist technique was characterized by loose brushstrokes, a flattening of space, modeling with color instead of tone, and the avoidance of black. Claude Monet's paintings of water lilies at Giverny are familiar examples.

American Impressionist Mary Cassatt (1844-1926) who lived and worked in Paris, exhibited with the French Impressionists (1879-1886). Later, American Impressionists such as John Twachtman (1853-1902), Childe Hassam (1859-1935), and J. Alden Weir (1852-1919), who studied in Europe, modified the Impressionist style, adapting it to the American scene. They returned to America to teach, where they influenced students and spread Impressionism in the United States. William Merritt Chase (1849-1916) joined the American Impressionist group later, teaching and painting in New York City from 1878 until his death in 1916.



7. Bather, 1916, Pastel on board, 7 ½ x 9 ½ in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

He was a flamboyant painter, teacher and tastemaker who influenced collectors as well as artists.⁴ American Impressionists maintained the solidity of objects and figures more than the French painters.⁵ By the turn of the century, the Impressionist style and technique was widely taught in American art schools.⁶

Spicuzza's teacher (1901-1902), Alexander Mueller, director of the Milwaukee Art Students League, recognized Spicuzza's affinity for the bright colors of Impressionism even before Spicuzza studied Impressionism formally. Mueller, who painted in the dark, Realist style of the Munich School, influenced Spicuzza's early work. *Peonies*, c. 1911 (cat. no. 70) is an early example before Spicuzza changed to the Impressionist style. A characteristic of the Munich

School was close observation of nature, including light effects, much like the approach of the mid-nineteenth century French painters in Barbizon who worked out-of-doors. Jean Francois Millet's (1814-1875) well-known The Gleaners, 1857, is an example of Barbizon painting, which led to Impressionism. Spicuzza's drawings J. F. Millet by Himself, 1909, (cat. no. 58) and William Hunt by Himself, 1909, (cat. no. 57), who was an American follower and friend of Millet, testify to Spicuzza's early familiarity with the background of Impressionism, although he had very little formal training in art. Spicuzza, who painted informal scenes of families at play in sunlit settings, had a natural attraction to Impressionism. He said later:

One should trust to the impression of one's own



41. Camping by Water, 1916, Oil on board, 7 x 9 in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

eyes.... It is not the biggest that is the best in art—but rather the simple, sympathetic, poetic bit of nature that makes one feel and see the beauty of the good in all things.⁸

Spicuzza, following his instincts, studied with an Impressionist teacher, John Carlson, at Woodstock, New York, in the summer of 1911. At that time Spicuzza committed to the Impressionist style. Spicuzza's Impressionist paintings of bathing scenes soon won him prizes and national recognition. Examples of these paintings in the exhibition include early works, such as *Bathers*, 1913 (cat. no. 1), *Bathers: Two Girls in Water*, 1910s (cat. no. 2), and *Midsummer Pastime*, 1916 (cat. no. 6). Slightly later bathing scenes in the exhibition are *Beach Scene: Four Figures and Small Child*, 1922 (cat. no. 20), and *Beach*

Scene, c. 1922 (cat. no. 22) which were completed at the height of his popularity. Bathing scenes at Cedar Lake in the late 1920s and 1930s include Bathers: Cedar Lake, 1920s (cat. no. 23) and Sunday at Cedar Lake, c. 1929 (cat. no. 26).

Spicuzza's quick, distinct brushstrokes and broken color captured the spontaneity of children playing and the nuances of sparkling water. He frequently painted on small, eight by ten inch boards, directly from the models, who usually were his two daughters and other family members and friends. His daughter Marguerite Spicuzza Hambling said in an interview that her father would pay her and her older sister Sylvia to model, instead of giving them an allowance. Sometimes, she said, that the



43. Landscape: Spring Pastoral, c. 1918, Pastel on board, 11 1/2 x 15 in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

modeling sessions would be followed by a hot dog roast on the beach for all the children in the painting. But even so, Mrs. Hambling recounted that there were times when she and her sister would have preferred playing with their friends to posing for their father.⁹

Spicuzza's spontaneous small paintings had a liveliness often lost when he developed them into larger works. He would complete many small paintings during his summers at his cottage on Cedar Lake, and then enlarge some of these in his Milwaukee studio during the winter, where he worked and also taught painting. For example *Bathing Scene: Cedar Lake*, c. 1929, 5 ¾ inches by 7 ¾ inches (cat. no. 24), was expanded to produce *Sunday*, c. 1929, 29 ½ inches by 35 ¼ inches (cat. no. 25).

Although Spicuzza preferred to paint

from live models and from nature, he did not hesitate to interpret what he saw. He captured the light and gestures of the moment, as well as an inner light. In newspaper interviews, Spicuzza talked about the importance of fantasy. He said that artists did not paint just what they saw, but added an inner spark that came from the imagination. This appreciation for the imaginary carried beyond Spicuzza's paintings into his life. He loved to read fairy tales to his children. He also told stories, a habit he learned from his father. Sometimes he used stories to help create a mood for the young models of his bathing pictures:

Before starting one of the beach pictures for which he is noted he gathers children about him, sits in the sand with them, tells stories until his mood is as theirs and he has gained



42. Girl Picking Blossoms, 1918, Oil on board, 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ 4 x 11 $\frac{1}{4}$ in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow



13. Girl on Rock, 1919, Oil on canvas, 22 x 26 1/2 in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

their confidence, making them feel he is one of them, so they pose for him naturally and delightedly.¹¹

Spicuzza's bathing scenes can be dated into broad time periods by the style of the bathing suits. In the early works from 1910 to 1917, the models wore skirts or bloomers and hats, as in *Midsummer Pastime*, c. 1916 (cat. no. 6), *Beach Scene: Two Girls in Water*, c. 1917 (cat. no. 9), and *Girl on Beach*, 1917 (cat. no. 8). In his later paintings, such as *Girl on Rock*, 1919 (cat. no. 13) the suits became sleeveless and short. Later the hats were replaced by bathing caps, as in *Beach Scene*, c. 1922 (cat. no. 21). By the 1930s, Spicuzza's paintings included two-piece bathing suits, as in *Mid-Summer Morning*, 1930s (cat. no. 31). 12

Spicuzza's waterscapes were an extension of his bathing scenes. These often looked like seascapes, but were actually scenes of Lake Michigan. In these works, Spicuzza captured the light on the breaking waves. Examples of waterscapes in the exhibition are *Five Sailboats in Distance*, c. 1919 (cat. no. 46), *Five Sailboats*, c. 1919 (cat. no. 49), and *Waterscape*, c. 1919 (cat. no. 50).

Spicuzza loved nature and enjoyed walking in it. He often took his painting classes outdoors to sketch. His Impressionist landscapes, such as Landscape: Thin Trees, 1915 (cat. no. 34) and Landscape: Woods, c. 1922 (cat. no. 53) seemingly caressed the forest with a diffused



48. Five Sailboats, c. 1919, Pastel on board, 23 x 29 in. Collection of Mrs. Ren D. Finnigan

light, perhaps a metaphorical projection of Spicuzza's love of life and nature. This warm glow was similar to the inner light in his bathing scenes and also in his portraits.

Spicuzza painted portraits throughout his career. Portrait commissions provided him with a reliable income and also put him in touch with interesting people. Spicuzza, flamboyant at a height of six feet, with red hair (in his youth), and a Windsor tie, relished playing the role of the artistic individual for his clients and friends.¹⁴

His portrait style changed from Impressionism to Realism in the later years. Spicuzza's portraits were less popular with the general public than his bathing scenes or floral still lifes. Perhaps they attracted less attention because they were more somber than his playful beach scenes. However,

they revealed complexities of the sitter's personality and sustained the interest of the viewer. His portrait of The Critic, c. 1913 (cat. no. 61) showed the deep set eyes of a man who had experienced life's undulating cycles of good and bad. Spicuzza painted this figure with a tenderness that captured the fragility of the old man. By contrast, his self-portrait reading comics at age sixtyseven, 1950, (cat. no. 68) depicted him as a robust man enjoying life. Spicuzza, who went through many periods of poverty during his youth and during the depression of the 1930s, habitually painted self-portraits and family members, for practice and because the model fees were low. Examples in the exhibition are Portrait of Mary, 1926 (cat. no. 66), the artist's niece, with the red hair of her uncle; My Father, c. 1908 (cat. no. 55),



14. Beach Scene, 1919, Oil on board, 7 1/2 x 9 1/2 in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

and Portrait of Spicuzza (Self Portrait), 1911 (cat. no. 59). His mother was quoted as saying when she was eighty-seven, "Frank, I am getting older and older–I can tell by the picture." ¹⁵

Spicuzza's other genre was floral still life. A work from c. 1911, *Peonies* (cat. no. 70), showed the dark tonalities and close observation of nature of Spicuzza's early Munich School style. In contrast, flower paintings from the 1920s, such as *Peonies*, 1922 (cat. no. 72) and *Flowers*, 1920s (cat. no. 74) exuded energy and displayed the bright colors characteristic of Impressionism.

Spicuzza continued with the Impressionist style until the late 1930s. During the depression, he turned to a flatter, sketchier style with more distinct outlines, which he thought would be more acceptable to a modern audience. By that time, his work was in competition with newer styles, such as abstraction, which conflicted with his interest in recording direct impressions of nature. Impressionism, which had been avant-garde in the Middle West in the first three decades of the century, was seen as conservative. Spicuzza's popularity declined.

Spicuzza painted and taught until his death in 1962. His portrait of Rev. Edward J. O'Donnell, S.J., 1962 (cat. no. 69) former President and Chancellor of Marquette University, was completed shortly before Spicuzza died.



19. Bathers with Parasol, 1920s, Oil on board, 7 ½ x 9 ½ in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

Spicuzza left a visual legacy of Milwaukee as an ideal place for families. His pictures of playful children, sparkling water, luminous landscapes, insightful portraits, and colorful flowers did, as he hoped, bring joy to his viewers. It is appropriate to commemorate the thirtieth anniversary of his death with an exhibition celebrating life.

Kit Basquin, Exhibition Curator

Kit Basquin is curator of Education and Public Programs at the Haggerty Museum and received her master's degree in art history from Indiana University. She has previously curated exhibitions of Wisconsin artists for the Haggerty Museum and has published widely on art.



23. Bathers: Cedar Lake, 1920s, Oil on canvas, 12 1/2 x 18 3/4 in. Private Collection

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73. Peonies, c. 1924, Oil on board, 24 x 30 in. Collection of Alan Stradtler

CHRONOLOGY

1883	Born in Termini-Imerese, Italy, near Palermo, July 23
1891	Arrived in America at age eight. Sold fruit for his father in the Third Ward, Milwaukee
1897	Started public school at age fourteen. Received an afternoon job and encouragement from John F. Cramer, publisher of <i>Evening Wisconsin</i> .
1900	Became U.S. citizen
1901	Completed grade school, working part-time in engraving department of <i>Evening Wisconsin</i> . Studied art at night at Milwaukee Art Students League, with the director, Alexander Mueller (Munich School)
1904	Won first prize in Art Students League exhibition
1907	Married Amber E. Breckow
1906-1907	Worked at lithography workshop. Laid off during depression of 1907
1907	Opened art studio in Milwaukee
1908	Daughter Sylvia born
1911	Studied during the summer at Woodstock, New York, with Impressionist painter John Carlson.
	Became an Impressionist painter, dropping the dark palette of the Munich School.
1913	Exhibited in Impressionist exhibition at Milwaukee Art Institute
1915	Second daughter Marguerite (later Mrs. S. Hambling) was born
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	Won bronze medal, St. Paul Institute
1916	
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1917	Won bronze medal, St. Paul Institute Won Purchase Prize, St. Paul Institute Won silver medal, St. Paul Institute
1917 1919	Won bronze medal, St. Paul Institute Won Purchase Prize, St. Paul Institute Won silver medal, St. Paul Institute Won prize in Wisconsin Painters and Sculptors Exhibition
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1929	Studied in Europe for four months with a group of art teachers and Alfred G. Pelikan, an artist who served as director of the Milwaukee Art Institute, and also served as head of the Milwaukee Public Schools art department
	Depression started
	Exhibited European sketches at Milwaukee Art Institute with A. G. Pelikan
1930-1956	Taught part-time at Milwaukee Art Institute
1932	Won Popular Prize, Milwaukee Art Institute
1936	Exhibited at Milwaukee Art Institute
	Changed style, using looser brush strokes, brighter colors, and flatter space
1937	Exhibited at Milwaukee Art Institute
1942	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee, with H. Morley Fraser
1944	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee
1947	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee
1949	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee
1951	Exhibited at Milwaukee Art Institute
1954	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee
1955	Exhibited at Plymouth Congregational Church
1957	Celebrated fiftieth wedding anniversary
1959	Exhibited at City Club, Milwaukee
	Exhibited at Wisconsin Electric Power Company, Milwaukee
1961	Exhibited at Jacobson Interiors, Milwaukee
1962	Member of Milwaukee Arts Commission
	Died in Milwaukee, May 9, of pneumonia
	Memorial Exhibition at Art Originals Gallery, Milwaukee

CATALOGUE OF THE EXHIBITION

Francesco J. Spicuzza (1883-1962)

BATHING SCENES 1910s-1930s

1. Bathers, 1913

Oil on canvas

20 1/16 x 29 1/8 in.

Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum

Samuel O. Buckner Collection (M1915.7)

2. Bathers: Two Girls in Water, 1910s

Oil on canvas

29 3/4 x 34 3/4 in.

Collection of Mrs. Haydon R. Duffy

3. Beach Scene: Two Young People

Kicking, c. 1915

Oil on board

7 1/2 x 9 3/4 in.

Private Collection

4. Beach Scene: Two Figures with Waves,

c. 1915

Oil on canvas

19 1/2 x 24 1/2 in.

Collection of University of Wisconsin-

Milwaukee Art Museum

5. Two Figures on Beach, Four Boats in

Distance, c. 1915

Oil on board

 $7\frac{1}{2} \times 11\frac{1}{2}$ in.

Collection of Mrs. Haydon R. Duffy

Midsummer Pastime, 1916

Pastel on paper board

31 x 45 in.

Collection of Jaren E. Hiller

7. Bather, 1916

Pastel on board

71/2 x 91/2 in.

Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C.

Wussow

8. Girl on Beach, 1917

Oil on board

11 ½ x 15 ½ in.

Collection of Barbara Mirr

Beach Scene: Two Girls in Water, 1917

Oil on board

10 x 13 1/2 in.

Private Collection

Beach Scene: Mother and Son, c. 1917

Pastel on board

15 x 18 ¾ in.

Collection of Mrs. Ren D. Finnigan

11. Bradford Beach: Five Children, 1918

Oil on canvas

24 x 30 in.

Collection of Wisconsin Electric Power Co.

12. Milwaukee Bathers, 1918

Pastel on board

29 x 39 1/2 in.

Collection of Marshall and Ilsley Bank

Girl on Rock, 1919

Oil on canvas

22 x 26 ½ in.

Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C.

Wussow

14. Beach Scene, 1919

Oil on board
7 ½ x 9 ½ in.

Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

15. Bradford Beach, c. 1917

Pastel on board 12 x 16 in.

Private Collection

16. Bathers: Nine Figures with Waves,

c. 1920

Oil on board

11 ½ x 15 in.

Private Collection

17. Beach Scene: Seated Figures, 1920

Pastel on paper board

29 1/2 x 39 5/8

Collection of Jaren E. Hiller

18. Beach Scene: Lady with Parasol, c. 1920

Oil on board

15 ½ x 19 ½ in.

Private Collection

19. Bathers with Parasol, 1920s

Oil on board

7 1/2 x 9 1/2 in.

Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C.

Wussow

20. Beach Scene: Four Figures and Small

Child, 1922

Pastel on paper board

29 x 42 in.

Collection of Jaren E. Hiller

21. Beach Scene, c. 1922

Oil on board

7 3/4 x 9 3/4 in.

Collection of Marguerite Spicuzza

Hambling

22. Beach Scene, c. 1922

Oil on board

 $5\frac{1}{2} \times 7\frac{3}{4}$ in.

Collection of Estate of Matilda Jung

23. Bathers: Cedar Lake, 1920s

Oil on canvas

12 ½ x 18 ¾ in.

Private Collection

24. Bathing Scene: Cedar Lake, c. 1929

Oil on board

5 3/4 x 7 3/4 in.

Collection of Marguerite Spicuzza

Hambling

25. Sunday, c. 1929

Pastel on canvas

29 1/2 x 35 1/4 in.

Private Collection

26. Sunday at Cedar Lake, c. 1929

Pastel on board

29 1/4 x 35 1/2 in.

Private Collection

27. Bathers, c. 1929

Oil on board

27 1/2 x 24 in.

Collection of Mary Spicuzza Schmal

28. Bathers on Beach, c. 1929

Pastel on board

12 ½ x 15 ½ in.

Private Collection

29. Summer on the Beach, c. 1929

Pastel on canvas

27 x 36 in.

Collection of Barbara Mirr

30. Bathers, c. 1930

Oil on canvas

33 ½ x 40 ½ in.

Collection of Mary Spicuzza Schmal

31. Mid-Summer Morning, 1930s

Oil on canvas 22 x 29 in.

Collection of Alan Stradtler

LANDSCAPES AND WATERSCAPES 1910s-1920s

32. Landscape, n.d.

Oil on board 9 ¾ x 7 ¾ in. Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum Gift of Mrs. Elise Casper (M1967.3)

33. Landscape: Orange Sky, c. 1915

Oil on canvas 14 ½ x 29 ½ in. Private Collection

34. Landscape: Thin Trees, 1915

Pastel on board 16 x 22 in. Private Collection

35. Waterscape: River, c. 1915

Pastel on paper 6 ¾ x 9 ¾ in.
Private Collection

36. Landscape, c. 1915

Pastel on paper 6 3/4 x 9 3/4 in.
Private Collection

37. Orange Sunset, c. 1915

Pastel on board 8½ x 11¼ in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

38. Waterscape: Jutting Land, c. 1915

Pastel on board 6 ¾ x 9 ¾ in. Collection of Mrs. Ren D. Finnigan Little Cedar Lake: The Kettle, c. 1915
 Pastel on board
 21 ½ x 27 in.
 Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Harrold J.

40. Children Picking Flowers, 1916

Oil on board 7 ½ x 9 ½ in. Private Collection

McComas

41. Camping by Water, 1916

Oil on board
7 x 9 in.
Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C.
Wussow

42. Girl Picking Blossoms, 1918

Oil on board 15 ¾ x 11 ¼ in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C. Wussow

43. Landscape: Spring Pastoral, c. 1918

Pastel on board 11 ½ x 15 in. Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C.

Collection of Dr. and Mrs. George C Wussow

44. Study of Boy, 1919

Oil on cardboard 7 ¾6 x 10 in. Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum Bequest of Dr. Ernest Copeland (L300)

45. Waterscape, c. 1919

Oil on board 17 x 21 in. Collection of Mrs. Haydon R. Duffy

46. Five Sailboats in Distance, c. 1919

Pastel on board 23 x 29 ½ in. Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn W. Caan

47. Waterscape, c. 1919

Pastel on board 23 ½ x 29 ½ in.

Collection of West Bend Gallery of Fine Arts

48. Five Sailboats, c. 1919

Pastel on board 23 x 29 in.

Collection of Mrs. Ren D. Finnigan

49. Waterscape with Large Sailboats,

c. 1919

Pastel on board

24 1/2 x 29 1/2 in.

Private Collection

50. Waterscape, c. 1919

Pastel on board

25 1/4 x 29 in.

Private Collection

51. Waterscape, 1920s

Oil on board

71/2 x 91/2 in.

Private Collection

52. Landscape: Framed by Trees, 1922

Pastel on board

17 ½ x 24 ½ in.

Private Collection

53. Landscape: Woods, c. 1922

Pastel on board

19 13/16 x 25 7/16 in.

Collection of Haggerty Museum of Art Gift of Edward J. O'Keefe (81.19.2)

54. European Landscape: England, 1929

Oil on board

6 3/4 x 9 3/4 in.

Collection of Marguerite Spicuzza

Hambling

PORTRAITS 1910s-1962

55. My Father, 1908

Charcoal on paper

19 13/16 x 15 7/8 in.

Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum

Samuel O. Buckner Collection

(M1928.17)

56. Giovanni Segantini, 1908-1909

Charcoal on paper

23 x 17 ½ in.

Private Collection

57. William Hunt by Himself, 1909

Charcoal on paper

22 x 17 in.

Private Collection

58. J. F. Millet by Himself, c. 1909

Charcoal on paper

22 x 17 in.

Private Collection

59. Portrait of Spicuzza (Self-Portrait),

1911

Charcoal on paper

19 3/8 x 15 15/16 in.

Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum

Samuel O. Buckner Collection

(M1928.18)

60. Self-Portrait, c. 1913

Oil on canvas

36 1/2 x 29 1/2 in.

Collection Mr. and Mrs. Harrold J.

McComas

61. The Critic, c. 1913

Pastel on board

25 1/2 x 19 1/2 in.

Collection of Haggerty Museum of Art

Gift of the Walter Schroeder Founda-

tion, Inc. (85.8.3)

62. Portrait of Samuel Owen Buckner (Portrait of A Man), 1914

Pastel on paper
21 ¾ x 18 ¾ in.
Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum
Samuel O. Buckner Collection
(M1928.18)

Portrait of Mrs. Elisha Pendleton Knowles (Mary J. Knowles), 1922

Pastel on paper 23 % x 17 ¼ in. Collection of Milwaukee Art Museum Bequest of Miss Jessica Knowles (W1947.1)

64. Portrait of Woman in Black, 1923

Pastel on canvas 46 x 30 in. Collection of Alan Stradtler

65. Anthony Bussalaci, c. 1925

Oil on canvas 35 ½ x 29 ½ in. Collection of West Bend Gallery of Fine Arts

Mary Spicuzza (Niece of Artist), 1926 Oil on canvas

24 x 21 in.

Collection of Mary Spicuzza Schmal

67. Inspiration (I. A. Dinerstein and His Mother), 1930s

Pastel on board 26 x 22 in. Collection of Milwaukee Public Museum, Inc. Gift of I. A. Dinerstein (N21261)

68. Self-Portrait, 1950

Oil on canvas 25 x 29 ½ in. Collection of Mary Spicuzza Schmal

69. Edward J. O'Donnell, S.J., 1962

Oil on canvas 30 % x 24 in. Collection of Haggerty Museum of Art Gift of Mr. I. A. Dinerstein (62.16)

STILL LIFES, 1910s and 1920s

70. **Peonies,** c. 1911 Oil on board 35 ½ x 25 1/2 in. Private Collection

71. **Peonies,** c. 1920 Pastel on board 16 ¾ x 10 ½ in. Collection of Mrs. Haydon R. Duffy

72. **Peonies,** 1922 Oil on canvas 30 x 39 in. Collection of Astor Hotel

73. **Peonies**, c. 1924 Oil on board 24 x 30 in. Collection of Alan Stradtler

74. Flowers, 1924

Oil on canvas 16 x 22 in.

Collection of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Brue

75. Roses and Peonies, 1920s

Oil on board 10 x 13 ½ in.

Collection Dr. and Mrs. Robert S. Pavlic

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