#### Maria Rajecka

It was **Maria** who bequeathed funds to the Society which have enabled us to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> year. **R.I.P. Maria Rajecka** 

Maria Rajecka, who died on 17 December 2017, was also a member of the Society of Catholic Artists Regional Group. She had an amazing imagination, which brought colour to the life of SCAR meetings and exhibitions. She was a printmaker who was always drawing and painting.

Maria was born in Poland in 1930 and had been interested in drawing and painting from early childhood. World War II and the German occupation changed her life drastically. In 1944 she was taken to Belsen after the Warsaw Uprising, after having been caught passing messages for the Polish Resistance, and subsequently to other camps.

Very ill, she was liberated in 1945. She started attending high school in Germany, but after a year she came to England through Italy and later moved to Scotland where she completed her education at a grammar school.

In 1951 she worked for a while in a stained-glass studio and in 1952 entered the Central School of Arts and Crafts in London where she studied stained glass making, painting and publicity. In 1965 she studied graphic design at Ealing and became a Licentiate of Industrial Artists and Designers. She married in 1967 and she and her husband Josef Rajecka moved to Brighton in 1976. She worked mainly as an illustrator and exhibited in London, Brighton and Hove. Her last years were spent at a rest home in Worthing.





Maria Rajecka SCA (Benefactor. RIP)

Boys' Desire

Tri-Chem fabric paint

38 x 24 cm



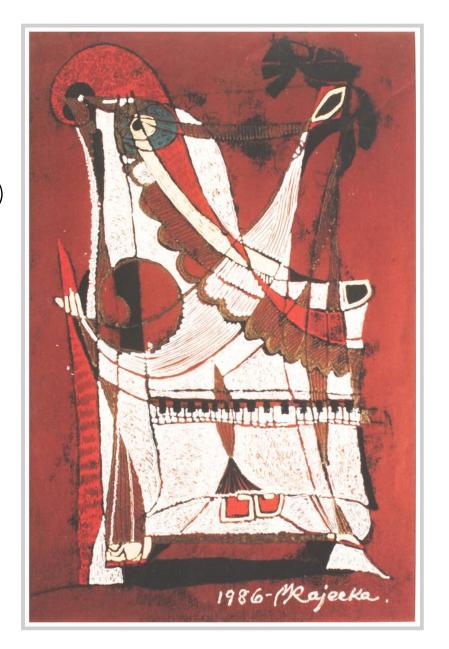


Maria Rajecka SCA (Benefactor. RIP)

Untitled

Lino print

38 x 24 cm



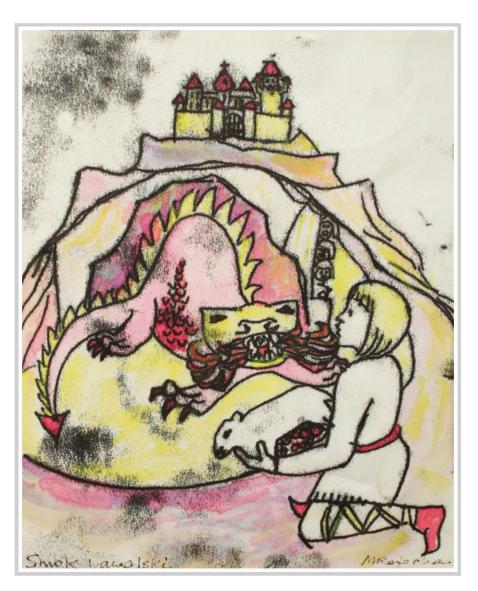


Maria Rajecka SCA (Benefactor. RIP)

Smok Wawelski

Illustration for Polish story of a Dragon

24 x 19 cm





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Still Life

Lino print

18 x 18 cm





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Bird

Lino print

22 x 10 cm



