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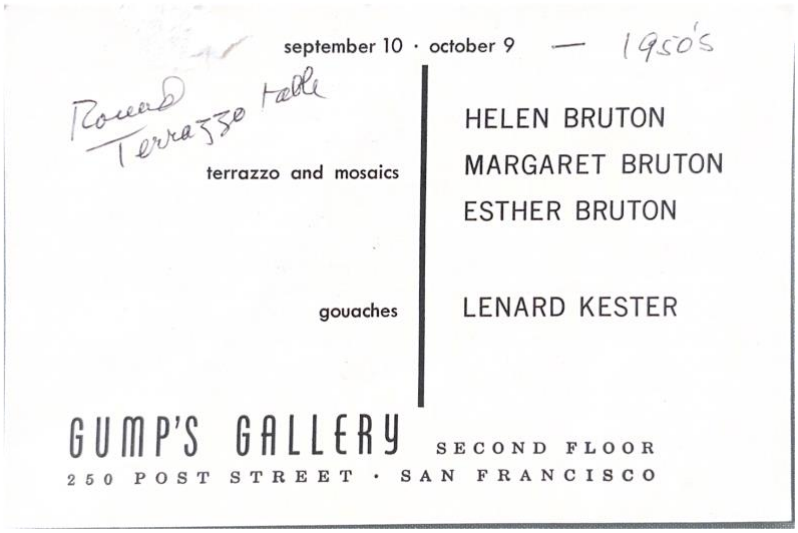


Esther Bruton 1896-1992
Figural Terrazzo Mosaic Table with Three Archers, c. 1952
Terrazzo table with figural mosaic top, raised on brass base
18"H x 36"Dia
Initialed on tabletop: *EB*

Literature: See accompanying original Gump's Gallery exhibition postcard
Transcript of 1964 interview for the Archives of American Art

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Round Terrazzo Table

terrazzo and mosaics

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Three Bruton Sisters Hold Unusual Decorative Exhibit

By ALEXANDER FRIED

WHAT YOU SENSE throughout the Gump Gallery exhibit of terrazzo and mosaic table tops and wall decorations, by the three Bruton sisters, is a rare love of craftsmanship, patient skill and attractive, original imagination.

The show not only equals the similar one of last year. It surpasses it, particularly because Helen Bruton's mosaics now strike a happier, freer note than ever before.

Whether they work in plain design or with figure motifs, the sisters keep to rather separate moods. Esther's decorative work is the most delicate, the quietest in its lovely surfaces. Margaret's inlaid or imbedded textural designs are bolder in color and impact.

Most vigorous of all—in their earthy, or stony look—are Helen's mosaics. She aligns her bits of colored stone and glass in simpler, more primitive impressions. Aside from the force or richness of interplaying colors, her mosaics have a delightful fancy and humor.

Likewise at Gump's are gouaches by Lenard Kester of Los Angeles. His landscapes, scenes of fishing and circus folk, etc., are exceptionally rich in color, and it is remarkable how this richness somehow adds to the prevalent tone of seriousness or even sadness that he generally prefers.

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New Branch Museum

"Modern Masters" from the museum's own collection will be the first monthly exhibit in the San Francisco Museum's new Parkmerced branch, at 100 Font Boulevard, beginning Thursday. Artists in the exhibit include Alexander Brook, Joseph Stella, Maurice Sterne, Braque, Derain, Picasso, Utrillo and Vlaminck.