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## MG 494 - Kate Hodgson fonds

**Dates:** 1998

**Extent:** .22 m of acrylic works on canvas; OS framed art

**Biographical note:** Kate Hodgson worked as a Library Assistant at the University of Saskatchewan Library, in various branches including the Engineering Library and the Natural Sciences Library. She earned her Fine Arts degree from the University and frequently contributed artworks to help illustrate Library initiatives.

**Scope and content:** This fonds contains Kate Hodgson's "The Twelve Stacks of Christmas," a series of illustration in acrylic on canvas, created in 1998 as a Christmas gift to the student assistants who reshelved books in her branch.

Donated to the University Library by Kate Hodgson in 2001.

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## **2014-020**

### **Contents:**

Curatorial Notes.

“Partridge in a Pear Tree.”

“Two Turtle Doves.” – The turtles are peace advocates.

“Three French Hens.” – The hens are speaking French.

“Four Calling Birds.” – Birds on cell phones and telephones.

“Five Gold Rings.” – Illustrated via chemical formulas.

“Six Geese a Laying” – The geese are bricklayers.

“Seven Swans a Swimming.” – Using computers and, presumably, the internet.

“Eight Maids a Milking.” – *Eight Papers from a Symposium on the Dairy Industry from a Feminist Perspective.*

“Nine Ladies Dancing.” – Ballerinas, after Degas.

“Ten Lords a Leaping.” – Pole vaulting.

“Eleven Pipers Piping.” – A plumber, pipes...and bagpipes.

“Twelve Drummers Drumming.” – Despite the “Reading Room – Quiet Please” sign.

Final Round. – Lyrics for the final round: “on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of Christmas Exams, the student casuals shelved for me...”

## **2023-036**

Oscar Wilde wallpaper art. – [2001]

Framed artwork with 5 panels, 4 wallpaper prints and one quote “Either that wallpaper goes or I do” - Oscar Wilde as he lay dying in a drab Paris bedroom.” Related to book in special collections “Lethal Wallpaper Art” by Kate Hodgeson, which is described as “Lethal wallpaper is a series of designs inspired by a deathbed quotation attributed to Oscar Wilde: ‘Either that wallpaper goes, or I do.’ It was commissioned for ‘Wilde in Saskatchewan A Bouquet for Oscar’ an exhibition marking the 100th anniversary of the death of Oscar Wilde”.” This art had hung on the wall of the reading room for years, its origins forgotten until this book was discovered in 2023 and the connection was made.