



Wolf and Hounds Fire Screen

Date

ca. 1925

Primary Maker

William Hunt Diederich

Medium

Wrought iron, sheet iron, and steel mesh

Description

This work is an iron and steel fire screen whose central compositional element is a large circle, within which are inscribed the stylized, silhouetted images of a wolf and three dogs. The top of the piece is circular, while the lower quadrants of the design are filled with decorative elements and a horizontal rectangular panel with interlacing curved iron strips and three cartouches. Below this band is a row of triangular teeth pointing downward. The work is signed in the central cartouche with the artist's cipher "WHD." It is supported by four legs, strips of iron that curve out into wide knees, then taper in the lower legs and widen again at the feet. Backing all internal elements of this design is a mesh of horizontal and vertical interwoven lines of steel, forming a regular pattern of squares. All elements are bolted together with evenly-spaced round rivets around the outer edges and on all sides of the lower rectangular base panel.

Dimensions

47 3/4 x 42 7/8 x 8 3/8 in. (121.3 x 108.9 x 21.3 cm)