

Title:	Lini Grol collection, 1956-2010, n.d.		
Creator:	Lini Grol		
Dates of Material:	1956-2010, n.d.	Record Group Number:	RG 857
Summary of Contents:	<p>The collection contains material related to Lini Grol's artwork and writing including scissorcuts, drawings, news clippings, manuscripts, and published books of fiction and non-fiction including short stories, plays, poetry, and a novel.</p> <p>1.1 News clippings, 1964-2010, n.d. Contains news clippings about Lini's work as an artist and writer. Also contains a certificate to Lini Grol for membership in the National League of American Pen Women Inc.; correspondence including a letter from the CBC re: a segment with Lini on <i>Sunday Arts Entertainment</i>, and letters from Brock University's Archives & Special Collections re: the donation of some of Lini's items to the archives; a certificate as the recipient of the Laureate Award from the American Amateur Press Association for poetry; cover designs from some of Lini's books; a program for a ballet based on <i>Lelawala: a Legend of the Maid of the Mist</i> by Lini Grol; a CD with photos of Lini's sculptures; and a USB containing 39 different files of Lini's writing.</p> <p>1.2 Stories and Poems, 1991-2004, n.d. Contains stories and poems written by Lini including <i>Pauline E. Johnson; Gerry and the Ugly Woman; My first novel; When the war started in Holland; Holland remembers its liberators; His last experiment; The Conqueror; Don Juan Junior; The spider and the secret word; Vera's Minkstole; Being a Godparent is not always easy; Herb Bitter; My Secret; Revolt in the Senior Home; That First Book; Art Appreciation; Spit Balls and Fate; Lothar, the child who knew...; Fowl Days; Laughter and Tears at the Fair; the Immigrants; Your Grandparents Memories of Holland; Snow; The Stubborn Worm; Already Taken; Courage and Confidence; Too smart for two; Nelson's victory; That Precious Doll; Only a Little Miracle; A little prayer went a long way; How may parents said 'I love you'; A city girl on the farm, or the day I got a piglet; Theo's masterpiece; Anita's Liberation; A Dutch Saint Nicholas party; Strange Happenings; My Cheerful Ghost; and The Secret of the Music Box.</i></p> <p>1.3 Copies of Original Scissorcuts, 1972-1990, n.d. Some of the titles on the scissorcuts include <i>Laura Secord; Lelawala and her mother Najaka; Lelawala; Lelawala with little friend; Themaka Dancing; Little Brother; The Family; The Immigrants; The Seed; Teacher; and The Happy Wanderers.</i></p> <p>1.4 Sketches, Drawings, Paintings, Collages and Lino Cuts, 1956-1964, n.d. Includes sketches of parents and babies; a book cover for <i>Annie's Photo</i></p>		

	<p>featuring a painting by Lini Grol; copies of collages titled <i>The Bird of Peace</i> and <i>War and Faith</i>; and drawings and cuts of flowers.</p> <p>2 Contains some of Lini's books of poetry, short stories, plays, non-fiction, and artwork, 1987-2009, n.d. Titles include <i>Gedachten</i>; <i>Family & Friends</i>; <i>Mothers</i>; <i>Leven en Beleven</i>; <i>Thoughts by Lini Grol</i>; <i>Mothers and their concerns</i>; <i>Comfort</i>; <i>Black and White (cuttings)</i>; <i>Theo's Masterpiece</i>; <i>Yesterday's Holland</i>; <i>De Groene Gember Pot</i>; <i>Moed</i>; <i>Three One-Act Plays (Hundred-Year Dreams, Peppermint Problems, No Genius in the Family)</i>; <i>Sientje Slak en Koen Sprinkhaan</i>; <i>A Matter of the Heart</i>; <i>Liberation 1944-45</i>; <i>Jong en Oud door</i>; <i>Canadian Stories</i>; and <i>Annie's Photo</i>.</p> <p>Related Material: Lini Richarda Grol fonds, 1946-2007, RG 1, Brock University Archives.</p>		
<p>Administrative/ Biographical Sketch:</p>	<p>Lini Richarda Grol was born in Nijmegen, Netherlands in 1913. She came to Canada in 1954 where she worked as a nurse at the Welland County Hospital. She was also an artist and writer who eventually opened a studio in Fonthill. Lini wrote poetry, short stories and plays as well as drawing, sculpting and scissor cutting. Her best-known publication is <i>Liberation</i>, which is an account of her experiences leading up to and after the liberation of Holland during World War II. Her work has been published in many local newspapers including the <i>Welland Tribune</i>, <i>Pelham Herald</i>, <i>Thorold News</i>, and <i>Dunnville Chronicle</i>, as well as various Christian publications and literary newsletters and journals. Lini also established a poetry magazine, <i>Canadian Poets Pen Club</i> to help aspiring writers get published.</p> <p>In 1994 she moved to a Christian retirement center in Brampton known as Holland Christian Homes. She continued to write and began a writer's club in the home. Lini Grol died in 2018.</p>		
<p>Location:</p>	<p>Brock University Archives</p>		
<p>Source Information:</p>	<p>Donated in 2023 by Lini Grol's niece Karin Brenninkmeijer.</p>		
<p>Described by:</p>	<p>Chantal Cameron</p>	<p>Date:</p>	<p>September 2023</p>