



Treatment Report

Date of Report: May 29, 2015

ICA Project #: 187/15

IDENTIFICATION OF OBJECT

Artist: Gertrude P. Sieberling
Title/Subject: "Snow Patterns" (Breakfast room garden) SHH 2008.813ab
Date/Period: 1943
Media: Oil on canvas
Dimensions: H 18 1/8" x W 14 1/8"

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TREATMENT

Loose paint at the losses was consolidated with dilute Beva D8.¹ After allowing the adhesive to dry, a warm tacking iron was used to relax lifting paint. Silicon coated Mylar² was used as an interleaf between the paint and the iron. Surface soil on the reverse was removed with cosmetic sponges.³ Small pieces of PeCap⁴ coated with Beva 371 were ironed on to the backs of the tears. One tear was additionally supported with a piece of 5ml Mylar⁵ ironed over the PeCap.

All of the tacks along the margins which were no longer holding the canvas in place were removed and retained. Pieces of PeCap coated with Beva 371 were ironed on to the tacking margins, extending about 1/8" into the composition. The painting was then reattached to the stretcher using the original tacks. Pieces of matboard were placed between the tacks and the canvas to protect the fabric from oxidation of the metal and facilitate future removal if necessary.

Surface soil on the paint was removed with 2% triammonium citrate⁶ in water. Fills were made with latex spackle.⁷ Texture was added to the fills with acrylic gel medium.⁸ Inpainting was carried out with Gamblin conservation colors.⁹

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¹ Beva D8, a non ionic dispersion of ethylene vinyl acetate in water: Conservator's Products Co., NJ.

² Silicon coated Mylar: Talas, NY.

³ Cosmetic sponges: Qosmedix, NY.

⁴ PeCap 7-330T, monofilament polyester: as above.

⁵ 5ml Mylar: as above.

⁶ Triammonium citrate: Sigma-Aldrich, MO.

⁷ Latex spackle: Beckers Farg, Sweden.

⁸ Acrylic gel medium, heavy gel matte: Golden Artist Colors, Inc., NY.

⁹ Gamblin conservation colors: BASF aldehyde resin Laropal A81, Gamblin Artist Colors Co., OR.