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Kay Burlingham, University Guild Art Collection Director



As Collection Director, I define my role as a storyteller, selecting and researching individual pieces and giving them a voice. I dive into the rabbit-hole, not knowing where it will take me. I come away with stories of forgotten artists, lost traditions, and hidden details.

Then... there are the unexpected twists and turns that makes the story precious.

Madeline Crispell, University Guild Curator



Madeline Crispell is a marvelous inspiration for all of us at the Guild and she keeps to the founders' beliefs of maintaining a clean, well maintained collection and educating the university and the community. The Collection displays the past in amazing ways, we can reflect on how people used to live, how they inspired themselves, how the ceramics were utilized, how we can inspire ourselves through this reflection.