

Usedom

In the thirties of last century the artists Otto Manigk, Otto Niemeyer-Holstein, Karen Schacht and Herbert Wegehaupt, settled on the island Usedom and were referred to as the "Usedom art School" later on. Their works which mostly dealt with the landscape of the island were not connected by a special style but by their artistic fundamental attitude. Decisive for the artists of this generation was the wish to show the elementary and essential points of the experienced reality in their pictures. Many artists, born around 1900 belong to a relatively unknown generation of artists. But this fact doesn't reveal anything about the artistic excellence. The reason for their prolonged disappearance is to be seen in the radical break of the development due to the National Socialism. In the nights of bombing during the Second World War big parts of their previous work got lost. Art development after the war didn't offer many starting points for appreciation. For some their works were not realistic enough for others not abstract enough.

Usedom is an island for artists, originated under different conditions compared to the colonies which were founded in the late 19th century. The artists from Usedom built a community, became friends. They met much later than most other colonies of artists, but stand in tradition of them. Nearly 30 years the painters of Usedom have worked together, developed a unique style of painting which unfolds its magic even today, believing in nature and human dignity. The museum studio Otto Niemeyer-Holstein combines the historically grown ensemble of residence, studio and garden of the artist Niemeyer-Holstein with the new gallery, which was opened in 2001. The museum owns an important fund of works of ONH, him self and fellow artists, which are shown in varying exhibitions. The collection of contemporary art includes a view into the context of ONH's artistic work with his friends and young artists.

Artists of the Artists' Colony

Otto Niemeyer-Holstein	(1896 - 1984)
Karen Schacht	(1900 - 1987)
Otto Manigk	(1902 - 1972)
Herbert Wegehaupt	(1905 - 1959)
Vera Kopetz	(1914 - 1996)
Susanne Kandt-Horn	(1914 - 1996)
Rosa Kühn	(1928 - 1970)
Oskar Manigk	(1934 - 1970)
Matthias Wegehaupt	(1938 - 1970)
Sabine Curio	(1950 - 1970)

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