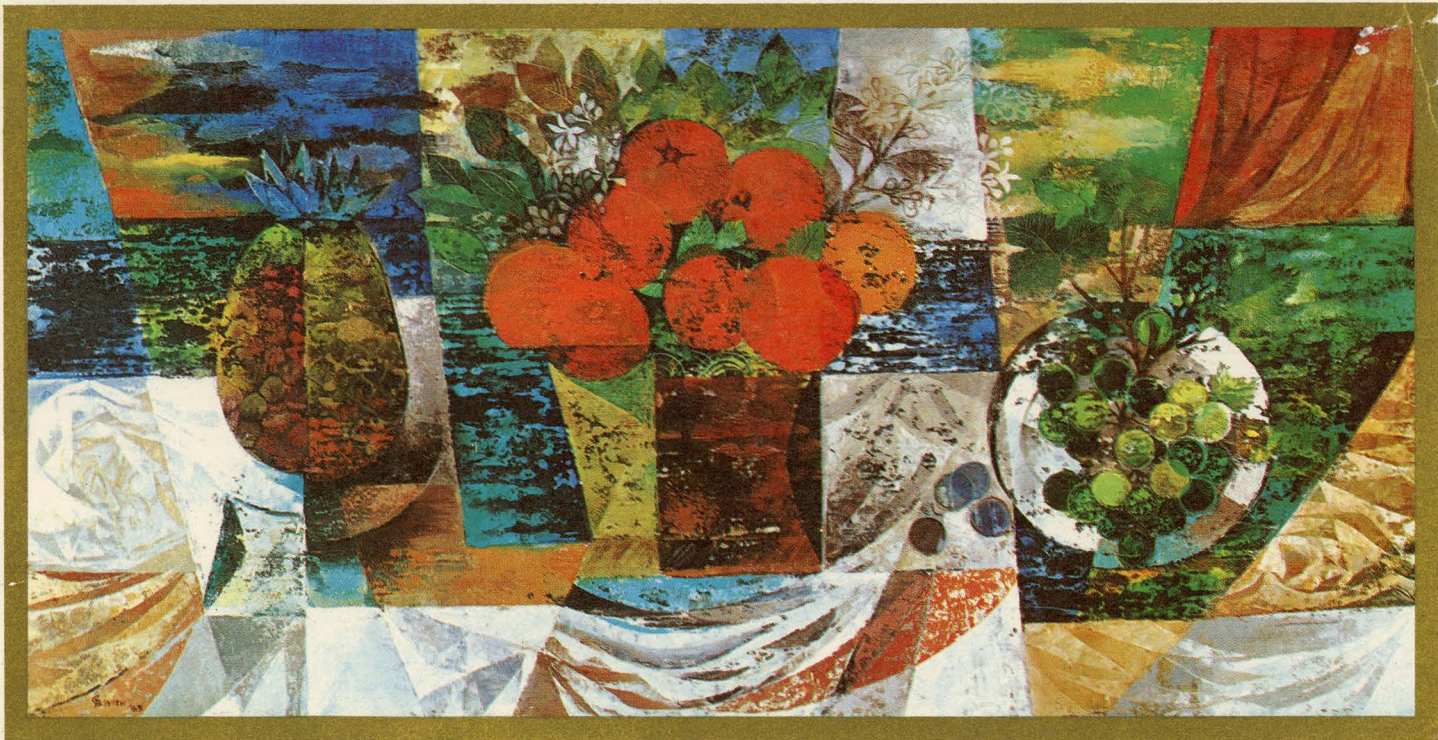


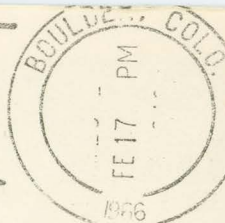
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Dear Crabtrees: We did miss Cozumel, sorry to say; but we had a wonderful trip anyway. Uxmal was lovely and from there, that wonderful trip through the jungle was a real experience! Sent you a card from Uxm. I loved Guatemala City, and Tikal was like being in another world. My companions, who went there to see ruins and didn't share my enthusiasm for birdwatching, didn't have half as much fun as I did, because it rained most of the time and they couldn't go out to see the ruins. But the rain didn't bother me! I had a wildly exciting time stalking all those fantastic tropical birds through the jungle. I just couldn't bear to pass up an opportunity like that! As for Mexico City, we saw only a rather limited "downtown" section of it, and that wasn't very inspiring; big cities are so much alike, everywhere. But we went to Cuernavaca, and that was very nice. We got home about mid-January, then went to St Louis for Montoya's big premiere concert, and that was exciting. Full house (3500), bitter cold night (-10) Carlos played magnificently, of course, but I must say, the St Louis Symphony simply didn't dig that Flamenco beat! Now we hope to stay home until SAA at Reno in May. And how are things with you? Let us hear.

Love & best - Wheats.



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