MEN AT WORK
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Heckscher Museum of Art; Gift of the Artist.
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ABOUT THE EXHIBITION

Men at Work is a selection of works from the Museum’s Permanent Collection that reveals the many facets of human endeavor. Men of thought, laborers, entertainers, and men of action represent the breadth of human experience and the significant role of disparate activities in man’s history.

Works such as Alonzo Chappel’s Drafting the Declaration of Independence and John Roger’s The Favored Scholar depict men who rely on intellect and reason to advance humanity, while Auguste Raffet and Mark Markov-Grinberg focus on military force as a determinate of man’s fate. Other artists have recorded farm labor, more identified with survival, maritime endeavors that signify commerce, and industrial labor as the key to progress. The work of musicians, artists, and performers attests to the role of creative endeavor in man’s psyche and suggests its importance in the development of civilization. In these paintings, sculptures, and photographs, artists have depicted intellectuals, sailors, farmers, miners, and soldiers who function as representative types, capturing aspects of their emotional life as well as their physical labor.

ARTISTS IN THE EXHIBITION

Edwin Austin Abbey
Berenice Abbott
James E. Allen
Martino Altomonte
Paul Wayland Bartlett
Edmund Blampied
Alonzo Chappel
William Merritt Chase
John Steuart Curry
Edward Costigan
Robert Cronbach
Thomas Eakins
Ernest Fiene
Isaac Friedlander

Max Gaisser
Jeffrey J. Grant
Gordon Grant
George Grosz
William Robinson Leigh
Mark Markov-Grinberg
Peter Moran
Auguste Raffet
John Rogers
Alexander Ségé
John Sloan
Emma Stebbins
Follower of Willem Van De Velde II

Isaac Friedlander, Laborer, 1956, Charcoal on paper. Heckscher Museum of Art; Gift of Dr. Jerome A. Convey.
EXHIBITION-RELATED VOCABULARY

**documentary photography:** A form of photography that chronicles significant and historical events. The photographer attempts to capture truthful, objective, and usually candid images of a particular subject, often people.

**landscape:** A work of art depicting an outdoor place.

**mood:** The feeling or emotion a work of art conveys to the viewer.

**sculpture:** A three-dimensional work of art made using a technique such as carving, chiseling, molding, welding, or combining found objects.

**style:** The visual appearance of a work of art that relates it to other works by the same artist, or works from the same period, location, or art movement.

**texture:** The surface quality or "feel" of an object (ex: roughness, smoothness, softness). Texture may be **implied** (only visually suggesting texture, not to the touch) or **actual**.

**value:** The lightness or darkness of a color.

EXHIBITION-RELATED WEB RESOURCES

**Edwin Austin Abbey**  
http://www.bpip.com/abbey.htm

**Berenice Abbott**  
http://www.commercegraphics.com/ba.html

**James E. Allen**  
http://maryryangallery.com/artists/james-e-allen

**Thomas Eakins**  
http://www.thomaseakins.org

**Gordon Grant**  
http://www.bpip.com/illustrat/grant.htm

**Mark Markov-Grinberg**  
http://www.icp.org/browse/archive/constituents/mark-markov-grinberg?all/all/all/all/0
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Edmund Blampied, Two Farm Hands, c. 1930s, Oil on panel.
Heckscher Museum of Art; Gift of the Baker/Pisano Collection.
Mark Markov-Grinberg, Nikita Izotov, Distinguished Miner of Donbass Coal Region, Ukraine, 1934, Photograph. Heckscher Museum of Art; Gift of Doug and Joan Hansen.
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*A guide is not available for Long Island's Best.

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