

Basic Detail Report

**Title**

Jewelry Clip

Artist

Bernard Instone

Date

about 1930

Dimensions

L: 1 3/4 (4.5 cm); W: 1 5/16 in. (3.3 cm); Diam.: 3/8 in. (1 cm)

Medium

Silver clip set with opal, citrine, peridot, amethyst, amazonite, synthetic sapphire, and pearl

Classifications

Jewelry

Credit Line

Gift of Rhoda L. and Roger M. Berkowitz

Object number

2013.174

Collections

Decorative Arts

Label Text

This brooch was made by the firm of Bernard Instone, one of the leading members of the second generation of metalwork of the Arts and Crafts movement, which advocated for handcrafted, rather than industrially-produced, objects. Instone founded the Langstone silver works in his native Birmingham, England in 1920 and became President of the Birmingham Jewellers Association in 1937. The clip consists of a leafy vine made of silver wire and cast leaves arranged in the shape of a figure 8. Its negative interior space is set with an opal cabochon, a faceted citrine, a faceted peridot, a faceted amethyst, an amazonite cabochon, a synthetic sapphire, and a pearl. Jeweled clips, which were very popular during the years between the two World Wars, could also be used as dress ornaments or as the central feature of a necklace. This clip, with its protruding lip visible when not hidden behind fabric, was intended as a lapel ornament or dress clip.

On View

Toledo Museum of Art (2445 Monroe Street), Gallery, 34, Jewelry Gallery