



OBJECT ID	2015.18.1
OBJECT NAME	Jug
MEASUREMENTS	31.9100200000 cm. H x 18.415 cm. W, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Clay
OBJECT ENTITIES	Agiasos, Lesbos (created by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A large terracotta jug with two handles. The jug is a dark orange-brown color. It has a small base and then widens towards the middle of the jug, before narrowing again to form a spout. The mouth looks like it was made to hold a stopper. There is a handle coming from each side of the spout and attaching to the sides of the vessel. The sides of the jug are painted with simple images of white leaves and swirls. The handles are painted with a series of diagonal white lines and the mouth is painted with a criss-cross pattern. The jug has some rough areas, especially near the bottom and is slightly unstable on its base. There is a long, thin crack along the spout. There is a black smudge on one of the white leaves and smaller one on the adjacent swirl.

ORIGIN

This jug was donated by MaryAnn Pazianos Satryb, in honor of her parents, George M. and Anna G. Pazianos. The jug comes from the town of Agiasos (or Agiassos), on the island of Lesbos, which is know for producing earthenware pottery like this. Jugs and pitchers like this were used to hold water. Their porous nature allowed for evaporation, keeping the water inside the vessel cool. It is unclear whether this particular jug was used for utilitarian purposes or was simply decorative.

CITATION

Jug, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 04/23/24.