



OBJECT ID	2015.18.3
OBJECT NAME	Pitcher
MEASUREMENTS	17.145 cm. H x 8.5725 cm. W, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Clay
OBJECT ENTITIES	Agiassos, Lesbos (created by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A small terracotta pitcher with a handle. The pitcher is an orange-brown color. It has a small base and then widens towards the middle of the pitcher, before narrowing again to form a spout. The mouth has a lip shaped for pouring. There is a handle coming from the back of the spout and attaching to the wide part of the vessel. The front of the pitcher is painted with images of colorful flowers. On the right is a flower that has a yellow center surround by blue, with white petals, and on the left is a flower with a yellow center surround by red with white petals. Between and below the flower are green and white leaves. Above the flowers is a strip of blue paint with the Greek word "Agiassos" painted in black. There is a gold ring painted around the base of the spout. Above this is a small flower with a yellow center surrounded by red and white. There are a few small holes or crack in the jug a some spots where the paint has worn away.

ORIGIN

This pitcher was donated by MaryAnn Pazianos Satryb, in honor of her parents, George M. and Anna G. Pazianos. The pitcher comes from the town of Agiassos (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 pitcher was used for utilitarian purposes or was simply decorative.

CITATION

Pitcher, *National Hellenic Museum*, <https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/>. Accessed 12/19/25.