

OBJECT ID	2015.18.4
OBJECT NAME	Pitcher
MEASUREMENTS	13.335 cm. H x 8.73252 cm. W, Item (Overall)
MATERIAL	Clay
OBJECT ENTITIES	Agiasos, Lesbos (created by)

OBJECT DESCRIPTION

A small terracotta pitcher with a handle. The pitcher is a dark 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. It appears that the pitcher was originally painted white with flowers and plants in various colors painted over the white paint. However, much of the paint has worn away. The outlines of the flowers can still be seen and some of them contain bits of red or yellow paint. Additionally, there are some long plants that still have some of their original green color, as well as some black plants painted with lines. There are green dots along the handle. A small green plant, as well as some green lines, are painted on the spout, and the rim is also painted green. There is a little bit of white paint inside the spout. There is a noticeable crack where the handle meets the side of the vessel.

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 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 pitcher was used for utilitarian purposes or was simply decorative.

CITATION

Pitcher, *National Hellenic Museum*, https://collections.nationalhellenicmuseum.org/Detail/objects/. Accessed 11/10/26.