

Mermaid



Creator:

Artist Unidentified

Title:

Mermaid

Date:

ca. 1850

Identifier:

N0158.1961

Description:

Mermaids were popular subjects for signs, weathervanes, and carvings in coastal towns and cities. This sculpture, found in a waterfront shop in Baltimore, was possibly meant to be a garden fountain, although its condition suggests little actual use. It may have been a model for a fountain to be made of more durable material. The quality and style of carving strongly suggest the work of a professional woodcarver, possibly a

shipcarver.

Physical dimensions:

height 15.5 in ; width 6.75 in ; depth 20 in

Format:

Sculpture

Coverage:

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