Primary Maker: Eufrosino della Volpaia

Title: Terrestrial globe

Date: 1542

Medium: Copper, wood

Dimensions: Overall (with stand): 43 in. (109.2 cm) Part (globe diam.): 15 in. (38.1 cm)

Credit Line: Gift of John David Wolfe

Object Number: 1872.22

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Classification: SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

Curatorial Remarks:
Ulpius's terrestrial globe, made in Rome in 1542, indicates the exploration of the New York region by Giovanni de Verrazano. The globe was found by the diplomat and historian Buckingham Smith (1810-1871) in Madrid in 1859 and may be the one described by Hakluyt as "an olde excellent globe in the Queen's privie gallery at Westminister which seemeth to be of Verarsanus Makinge."

Physical Description:
Copper globe on stand. Copies much of Verrazano's map of 1529 and credits him with the discovery of territory around New York City in 1524.
Markings: Engraved on lower portion of globe: "Regions of the Terrestrial globe handed down by ancients, or discovered in our memory or that of our fathers. Delineated by Euphrosynus Ulpius, 1542"; dedication engraved in the present-day Indian Ocean: "Marcellus Cervino / S. R. E. Presbitero / Cardinali D. D. Romae."

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