WPA Exhibition of Index of American Design to be Held in Washington, July 6 - August 6.

An exhibition of the Index of American Design compiled by workers on the Federal Art Project of the Works Progress Administration will be held at the National Museum, Washington, D.C., July 6 through August 6. Holger Cahill is director of the Federal Art Project.

About 175 drawings and photographs illustrating furniture, costumes, jewelry, silver, ceramics, glass, interior architectural detail and other objects of decorative and applied art of the period in America between 1620 and 1890 will be displayed. They are the work of fifty WPA artists.

The purpose of the Index of American design is to compile by means of accurate black and white and colored drawings and photographs a pictorial record of native American decorative and applied arts. It will be the only American Index of its kind. Many European countries have made such compilations of their own arts.

In addition to assembling the original material, much of which is in danger of being lost, the Federal Art Project will publish folios of lithographic prints which will be distributed to educational institutions. The material offers a field for new research to artists, designers and others.

Among the States represented in the exhibition of material of basic significance in the cultural tradition of America are New York, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, the District of Columbia, Louisiana, Michigan, Illinois, New Mexico, California and the New England States.