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**Indiana Art Association Collection
Manuscript Group 60**

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Indiana Art Association Collection, Manuscript Group 60
Indiana University of Pennsylvania, Special Collection and University Archives
5 boxes; 5 linear feet

Historical Note

The Indiana Art Association (IAA) was founded in 1930s, affectionately known as the “Art and Hamburger Society.” The current name of IAA was adopted on May 9, 1943. According to the original 1943 constitution, “The purpose of the organization is to promote interest, appreciation, and participation in the arts. This has been its purpose since it began with a small group which met at the Pattison home, “The Rambles,” in about 1930. The Art Association encourages the growth and development of the arts in Indiana, Pennsylvania, through education and the exhibition of the Association's work.

Scope and Content

The IAA collection is housed in five archival boxes. The records include Association announcements, Articles of Incorporation, oral history interview on audio cassette tape, compact disk, the IAA Constitution, financial records, Guest Books, correspondence and letters, meeting minute books, newspaper clippings, newsletters, photographs, programs, registers, rosters, scrapbooks, Special Exhibits, Spring Show Books, and yearbooks dating from 1943 to the present.

Provenance

In 1975, IAA President Ellen Musser appointed a Historian Committee to preserve IAA's records. IAA records from 1943-1975 were donated by IAA to the IUP Special Collections and University Archives. Later records were preserved by charter IAA member Martha Russell and given to Barbara Fritsch to prepare for IAA's 1991 donation to IUP. Shirley Kraft gave IAA records to Barbara Fritsch to add to and reorganize the collection in 2010.

Restrictions

None.

Processor

Material was collected and preserved predominately by Martha Russell in 1988, and Shirley Kraft in 2009, and given to Barbara Fritsch to organize with other IAA materials for the IUP Special Collections and University Archives. MG 60 was re-housed and the finding aid was created by Special Collections in 2010. IAA continues to send materials to the IUP Special Collections and University Archives to update the collection.

Series List

Series 1: Meeting Minutes

Series 2: Constitutions and History

Series 3: Financial Records

Series 4: Exhibits

Series 5: Radio Scripts

Series 6: Newsletters and Press Releases

- Series 7: (empty – future expansion)**
- Series 8: Workshops and Classes**
- Series 9: Correspondence**
- Series 10: Newspaper Articles**
- Series 11: (empty)**
- Series 12: Photographs collected by Kelly Moore**
- Series 13: Scrapbooks**
- Series 14: Oversized Materials**
- Series 15: Guest Books**
- Series 16: Membership (see also Correspondence)**
- Series 17: Electronic Records (2020-present)**

Container List

Box 1 (15 folders)

Series 1: Meeting Minutes

1. Meeting Minutes, 1943-1950 (2 books)
2. Meeting Minutes, 1950-1959
3. Meeting Minutes, 1960-1979
4. Meeting Minutes, 1980-1998
5. Meeting Minutes, 1996-2004 (2 books)
6. Meeting Minutes, 2004-2009
7. Meeting Minutes, 2011-present

Box 1 (cont.)

Series 2: Constitutions and History

8. IAA Constitutions & By-Laws, 1943, 1952-1958, 1977, and 1991
9. IAA Constitutions & By-Laws, 2011
10. Articles of Incorporation, Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1966

Box 1 (continued)

Series 2: Constitutions and History

11. History of Indiana Art Association, 1940s-2000s
12. *The Indiana Art Association: Through the Years* (2009) by Barbara L. Fritsch; and *The Art of the Pattisons* (1987) by Myron Tomb '69
13. Indiana Art Association (IAA) Library Catalog, compiled by Irene Syty, February 2004 (updated August 2005)
14. Indiana Art Association (IAA) Letterhead
15. Advertising and Mission Statement
16. Calendar of Events
17. Meeting Vote, 2013

Box 2 Restricted

Series 3: Financial Records

1. Membership Dues, 1943-1949 (2 books)

2. Check Stubs, 1947-1950 and 1954-1957
3. Canceled Checks, 1955-1956 and 1958
4. Invoices, 1950-1959 and Donations, 1968
5. Ledger, 1951-1953
6. Ledger, 1959-1978
7. Ledgers, 1978-1992 (3 ledgers)

Box 2A (3 folders) Restricted

Series 3: Financial Records

1. Invoices and Statements, 1981-1992
2. Statements, 1993-1997
3. Statements, 1998-2000
4. Check Book, 2000s
5. Financial Reports, 2015-2019

Box 3 (19 folders)

Series 4: Exhibits

1. Exhibits, 1944-1948
2. Spring and Annual Shows, 1948-1961
3. Spring and Annual Shows, 1960-1971
4. Spring and Annual Shows, 1972-1979
5. Spring and Annual Shows, 1980-1989
6. Spring and Annual Shows, 1990-1999
7. Spring and Annual Shows, 2000-2009
8. Spring and Annual Shows, 2010-2020s
9. Everyman's Show, 1972-1976
10. Group Shows, 1953
11. New Growth Arts Festival, 1992, 1997, 2002, and 2004
12. Indiana County Open Arts Festival, 2005-2010
13. Exhibition by Martha Russell, 1950 and oral history interview on audio cassette tape
14. Exhibitions, 1944-1952
15. Exhibits, 2000-2010
16. Special Exhibits and Shows, 1950s-2010s (see digital files)
17. Exhibits, 2019-2021

Box 3 (continued)

Series 5: Radio Scripts

1. Radio Scripts, March 16, 1953 and April 11, 1956
2. Radio Scripts, 1971 and 1976

Box 3A

Series 6: Newsletters and Press Releases

1. Newsletters, 1950s
2. Newsletters, 1960s
3. Newsletters, 1970-1979
4. Newsletters, 1982-1989

5. Newsletters, 1990-1999
6. Newsletters, 2000-2009
7. Newsletters, 2010-2013
8. Newsletters, 2013-2018
9. Newsletters, 2018-present (see digital files)

Box 4 (31 folders)**Series 8: Workshops and Classes**

18. Junior Art Association, 1958-2000s
19. Workshops and Classes, 1940s-2000s
20. Art Camp, 2002-2003
21. Art Camp, 2004-2005
22. Art Camp, 2006-present (see digital files)

Box 4 (continued)**Series 9: Correspondence**

23. Indiana Art Association Stationary (blank)
24. Mailing Lists, 1940s-2000s
25. Indiana County Sesquicentennial (1803-1953) program, 1953
26. Correspondence, 1949-1959
27. Correspondence, 1960-1975
28. Correspondence, 1985-1998
29. Correspondence, 2000-2009
30. Correspondence, 2010-present
31. Dr. Orval Kipp (1904-1995) IUP Faculty (see also [Manuscript Group 205](#))
32. Jean Repine McElhaney (McElhaney Hall at IUP was named in her honor) report by Gertrude H. Walker, 1953. Jean R. McElhaney was a 1885 graduate of Indiana State Normal School (IUP), and she organized the ISNS art department in 1906. McElhaney was the first director of the department until her retirement in 1928.
33. Ralph W. Reynolds (1905-1991)
34. Martha Russell (1904-1989)
35. Artists Hand Group, L. P., 2010 (The [Artists Hand Gallery and Espresso Bar](#) at 732 Philadelphia Street, Indiana, Pennsylvania)
36. Associated Artists of Pittsburgh: Exhibits
37. Arts Path: Arts-in-Education Partnership with the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts
38. Historical and Genealogical Society of Indiana County: Exhibits
39. A Celebration of the Arts in Indiana County, 2014, *Indiana Gazette*, September 25, 2014

Box 4 (continued)**Series 10: Newspaper Articles**

40. List of Newspaper Articles, 1940s-2000s
41. Newspaper Articles, no dates
42. Newspaper Articles, 1930s-1940s
43. Newspaper Articles, 1950s (copies)
44. Newspaper Articles, 1950s (originals)
45. Newspaper Articles, 1960s

46. Newspaper Articles, 1970s
47. Newspaper Articles, 1980s
48. Newspaper Articles, 1990s
49. Newspaper Articles about Indiana Borough Flag Design, 1993-2000
50. Newspaper Articles, 2000s
51. Newspaper Articles, 2010s-present (see digital files)

Box 4A Photographs (4 folders)**Series 12: Photographs collected by Kelly Moore**

1. Photographs, no dates (1980s-1990s)
2. Photographs, 1980s-1990s
3. Photographs, 1990s
4. Photographs, 2000s (see digital files)

Box 5 (6 scrapbooks)**Series 13: Scrapbooks**

1. Scrapbook, 1943-1967
2. Scrapbook, 1971-1976
3. Scrapbook, 1981-1985
4. Scrapbook, 1985-1988
5. Scrapbook including Kids Art Camp, 2002-2004
6. Scrapbook, 2004
7. Scrapbook: Indiana Art Association presents the Charter Member Memorial Award to William Perry, awarded on June 4, 2011, by Barbara Fritsch, contains information about the IAA from 1932 to 2011

Box 6 Oversized Materials (1 item)**Series 14: Oversized Materials**

1. Scrapbook: Indiana Art Association (IAA) History, 1943-2004 (correspondence, history, newspaper articles, and photographs)

Box 7 Guest Books and Membership**Series 15: Guest Books**

1. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Books, no date and 1971
2. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Book, 1976
3. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Book, 1983-1994
4. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Book, 1987-1992
5. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Book, 1954-1976, 2001-2011

Series 16: Membership (see also Correspondence)

1. Charter Member Memorial Award, 2011
2. Indiana Art Association: Membership Forms
3. Membership Lists, no date
4. Membership Lists, 1950s-1980s
5. IAA Members: Jenella Anderson
6. IAA Members: Lee Atkyns
7. IAA Members: Elinor Gordon Blair (1913-2015)

8. IAA Members: Margaret Blosser
9. IAA Members: Mary Kahl Boeh
10. IAA Members: Karen Border
11. IAA Members: Beverly Botsford
12. IAA Members: Muriel Chew
13. IAA Members: Joyce Cochran
14. IAA Members: Eileen Cooper
15. IAA Members: Lucille Cooper
16. IAA Members: Robert Cronauer
17. IAA Members: Patricia Dodson
18. IAA Members: Bill and Ella Ellsmore
19. IAA Members: Julie B. Engelmann
20. IAA Members: Joy Fairbanks
21. IAA Members: Barbara Fritsch
22. IAA Members: Joanne Garrett
23. IAA Members: Mary Kay Gibson
24. IAA Members: J. Neal Griffith (see Manuscript Group 35)
25. IAA Members: Margaret Gurison
26. IAA Members: Ruth Henry
27. IAA Members: Leon Hue
28. IAA Members: Mary Park Jack
29. IAA Members: Jolene Joyner
30. IAA Members: Dr. Orval Kipp (see other series and Record Group 68)
31. IAA Members: Lois Kok
32. IAA Members: Mary Krolick
33. IAA Members: Barb Kubala
34. IAA Members: Louise Leigey
35. IAA Members: John McCombie
36. IAA Members: Mary Jo McGee
37. IAA Members: Kelly and Robert Moore
38. IAA Members: Carrie Pattison
39. IAA Members: Barry Poglein
40. IAA Members: Ralph Reynolds
41. IAA Members: Janet Runyan
42. IAA Members: Mrs. Paul Smay
43. IAA Members: Mary Ann Spangel
44. IAA Members: Leslie Swentosky
45. IAA Members: Sandra Trimble
46. IAA Members: Daria and John D. Varner
47. IAA Members: Beth and Kenneth Vinton
48. IAA Members: Richard Vitale
49. IAA Members: Blanche Waugaman
50. IAA Members: Ned Wert
51. IAA Members: Vice President Julieann Knox
52. IAA Membership Forms and Member Directories

Series 17: Electronic Records (2021-present) no paper copies

1. IAA Board of Directors: Meeting Minutes – November 2, 2021
2. IAA Membership Meeting Agenda – November 9, 2021
3. IAA Ordinary Income/Expenses, 2021-2022
4. IAA Exhibition Entry Form, 2022
5. IAA Board of Directors: Meeting Minutes – February 1, 2022
6. IAA Newsletter, Spring 2022
7. IAA Newsletter, June 2022