

INDIANA ARTISTS' CLUB, INC., 1922-1992

Collection #'s

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BV 1888

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COLLECTION INFORMATION

VOLUME OF COLLECTION:	10 manuscript boxes; 1 oversize folder; 1 bound volume
COLLECTION DATES:	1922-1992
PROVENANCE:	Gift of Indiana Artists' Club, Inc., Indianapolis, In, August 1979; 1983 and 1993.
RESTRICTIONS:	none
REPRODUCTION RIGHTS:	Permission to reproduce or publish material in this collection must be obtained in writing from the Indiana Historical Society.
ALTERNATE FORMATS:	none
OTHER FINDING AIDS:	none
RELATED HOLDINGS:	
ACCESSION NUMBERS:	1979.0819; 1983.0716; 1993.0370
NOTES:	The Indiana Artists' Club is a different organization from The

HISTORICAL SKETCH

The Indiana Artists' Club was organized on January 23, 1917 in Indianapolis by a group of professional artists. Included in this group were Carl Graf, Otto Stark, T. C. Steele, Waymen Adams, Simon Baus, Paul Hadley, Randolph Coats, Frederick Polley, Clifton Wheeler and William Forsyth. Membership was limited to professional artists (painters, sculptors, etc.). Non-artists who were interested in the promotion of art were invited to join as associate members. The club was incorporated as a non-profit organization on September 24, 1947. The purpose of the club was to promote the artistic interests of its members and the community. To fulfill this goal, the club has assisted in the creation of the Indiana Federation of Art Clubs and the Hoosier Salon Patrons Association. The primary activity of the club is the annual exhibition of members' work. The early exhibitions were displayed at a variety of places, but in 1935 the show moved to the L.S. Ayres Department Store Auditorium where it was held for many years. Other activities of the club include the publishing of the *Art Program Directory*, sponsoring an annual costume ball and various other social events, sponsoring a traveling show consisting of work displayed at the annual exhibition, annual donations to Indiana schools and colleges, and other projects, including the preservation of the state owned T.C. Steele Memorial and the rescue and restoration of the murals at the Marion County General Hospital.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

Series I of the collection (materials donated in 1979 and 1983) deals mainly with regular club business and the organization of the annual exhibition. This material consists of the minutes of regular and board meetings (1922-1965); committee records and annual reports submitted to the board (1927-1967); Annual Exhibition Committee records (1952-1975); and correspondence (1924-1974). Included in the collection are membership lists and applications; yearbooks (1947-1978); exhibition catalogues (1936-1975); tax forms (1948-1961); newspaper clippings (1935-1976); and a scrapbook. Also included in the collection is original artwork done by Paul A. Wehr (1914-1973) for the covers of various Indiana Artists' Club exhibition catalogues. Among the other papers are various issues of the *Indiana Federation of Art Clubs Bulletin*, correspondence and schedules for various traveling shows (1963-1968), and various exhibition catalogues featuring the work of club members.

Series II contains papers on membership, finance, exhibitions, awards, and other miscellaneous information donated in 1992. There are yearbooks from after 1980, and several photographs and negatives of people and artwork scattered throughout the collection.

Principal Artist correspondents:

Bessire, Dale 1937, Bonsib, Louis 1937, 1938, 1945, 1966; Burke, Robert E. 1926; Bush, George Hoffman 1944; Byrum, Ruthven 1939, 1940; Davidson, Lillian Margaret Turnball 1957; Davisson, Homer Gordon 1948; Failing, Frances 1929; Gaskins, Letha 1946; Godwin, Helen Murphy 1937; Goth, Marie 1937; Lauter, Flora 1942, 1945; McConaha, Lawrence 1948; Mess, George Jo 1945; Nusbaum, Ester Commons 1947, 1963; Peat, Wilbur D. 1929, 1937, 1943-1946; Plaschke, Paul Albert 1937; Polley, Frederick 1945-1946; Riffle, Elba L. 1937; Schildknecht, Edmund 1947; Seamon, D. Omer 1956; Sitzman, Edward 1937; Steele, Willard Karl 1937; Templeton, Joch C. 1942, 1957; Trobaugh, Roy 1948; Weeks, Leo Rosco 1937; Wheeler, Clifton 1945; Williams, Charles Sneed 1937; Williams, Charles Warner 1946.

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BV 1888 Scrapbook of Newspaper Clippings 1929-1942

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