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St. Louis Artists' Guild Papers, 1901-1992

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HISTORICAL SKETCH

The St. Louis Artists' Guild was formed in 1886 to develop a high standard of art appreciation; to promote and stimulate expression of its members and artists in the community; to present the work of artists and craftsmen through exhibitions, competitions and lectures; to encourage excellence and understanding not only of paintings, prints, sculpture, drawing and crafts, but of architecture, literature, music, photography and other visual and performing arts.

The organization was incorporated in 1905. Originally meetings were held in various artist's studios and homes, then in the basement of the Museum of Fine Arts on 19th and Locust Streets. Exhibitions were held in the museum's galleries. Later, the organization met at the Odeon Building at Grand and Finney. In 1908 the organization moved to 812 North Union. In 1973, the Artists' Guild moved to its present location at 227 East Lockwood in Webster Groves.

The St. Louis Artists' Guild is supported by membership dues, fund-raising events, cash gifts, grants, bequests, and memorial tributes. All activities and exhibitions of the guild are open to the public.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

The St. Louis Artists' Guide Papers includes a variety of records of the organization, and is arranged in the following series: history, rules and regulations, board meeting minutes, committee notes, membership, financial papers, exhibitions, printed material, scrapbook and newsclippings, correspondence, and oversized material.

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Series II: Rules and Regulations

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Folder 5 By-laws, 1958

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Folder 8 Organization Outlines

Series III: Board Meeting Minutes

Folder 9a Guild Board Meeting Minutes, 1971-1979

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Series IV: Committee Notes

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Folder 11 Art Section Committee notes, 1972-1987 (incomplete)

Folder 12 Special and General Fund Committee notes, 1973-1990 (incomplete)

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Folder 14 Miscellaneous committee reports and notes

Series V: Membership**Box 2**

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Folder 3 Member lists, 1953, 1984, no date

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Series VI: Financial Papers

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- Folder 7 Artists in Action expense reports, 1981-1984
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Series VII: Exhibitions

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