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Art Club
Records, 1881-1971

Collection 40

Champaign County Historical Archives

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Creator/Corporate name: Art Club

Inclusive Dates: 1881-1971

Physical Description: 1 box (1.1 linear ft.)

Language: English

Provenance:

The Art Club Records were donated to the Champaign County Historical Archives by Melissa Chambers in September 2008.

Access:

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Historical Note:

In 1876, the Art Club was founded by six women in the Champaign–Urbana area “to advance the knowledge and love of Art & Literature, and to promote the Art of Conversation.” The formation of the club was originally inspired by the art collection at the University of Illinois. The club is comprised exclusively of women and has three officers (president, vice-president, and secretary/treasurer) who preside over the meetings and take care of club business. Membership is by invitation only and meetings are held within the homes of members twice a month, with a break over the summer months. During meetings, members take turns preparing papers on various art topics that are then presented to the other members. In addition, guest speakers are invited to give talks on various topics within the realm of the arts.

Scope and Content Note:

This collection contains club meeting minutes from 1881-1971. These minutes record meeting attendance and provide a summary of what was discussed in the meeting. The collection also contains organizational records such as member lists, member waiting lists, financial status, and results of the yearly officer elections, and club programs from 1887-1949. These programs were issued yearly and listed the dates of each meeting and the topics to be discussed.

Arrangement:

Materials in this collection are arranged chronologically.

Subject Terms:

Art—Societies and clubs.

Literature—Societies and clubs.



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Name Terms:

Art Club – Records and correspondence.

Container List:

Box 1

Bound volume: Club records, 1881-1890. Includes information about elections, meeting minutes.

Bound volume: Exhibit register. Includes list of people who attended the Art Club Exhibit.

Bound volume: Club Records, 1891-1898. Includes club constitution, member lists and accounts, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings.

Bound volume: Club register: Members of the Art Club, 1887: list of members, meeting minutes.

Bound volume: Club Records, 1899-1903. Includes member lists and accounts, meeting minutes, and newspaper clippings. (Pages 43-44 missing.)

Bound volume: Club records, 1904-1908. Includes member lists and accounts, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings, and programs.

Bound volume: Club records, 1909-1917. Includes club programs, member lists, financial reports, meeting minutes, newspaper articles, and club waiting lists.

Bound volume: Club records, 1918-1924. Includes member lists, financial reports, meeting minutes, and club waiting lists.

Bound volume: Club records, 1924-1929. Includes meetings minutes, member lists, financial reports, and newspaper clippings.

Bound volume: Club records, 1930-1943. Includes meeting minutes, member lists, and financial reports.

Bound volume: Club records, 1944-1948. Includes member lists, financial reports, and meeting minutes.

Bound volume: Club records, 1949-1955. Includes meeting minutes and financial reports.

Bound volume: Club records, 1956-1963. Includes meeting minutes and financial reports.

Bound volume: Club records, 1963-1971. Includes meeting minutes, menus of club luncheons, and financial reports.

Folder 1: Art Club Programs: 1887-1900

Folder 2: Art Club Programs, 1901-1919

Folder 3: Art Club Programs, 1911-1921

Folder 4: Art Club Programs, 1922-1929

Folder 5: Art Club Programs, 1930-1936

Folder 6: Art Club Programs, 1940-1949

Art Club 125th anniversary celebration, 2001: invitation, dinner menu, and entertainment listing.

Photocopies: "Interlude in Champaign," from *Lorado in Paris* by Allen S. Weller (University of Illinois Press: 1985), pp. 222-5 and cover.

Photocopies: letter and photograph to Mrs. J. G. Chambers from Stephen S. Prokopoff, director of Krannert Art Museum, about loan of Mary Bruce Burnham Harris portrait bust exhibited at the Art Club Exhibition in 1884. Dated 13 May 1986.