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.

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
5. Meeting Minutes, 1996-2004 (2 books)
7. Meeting Minutes, 2011-2013

Box 1 (cont.)
Series 2: Constitutions
10. Articles of Incorporation, Court of Common Pleas of Indiana County, Pennsylvania, 1966

Box 2 Restricted
Series 3: Financial Records
1. Membership Dues, 1943-1949 (2 books)
5. Ledger, 1951-1953

Box 2A (3 folders) Restricted
Series 3: Financial Records
1. Invoices and Statements, 1981-1992

Box 3 (25 folders)
Series 4: Exhibits
1. Exhibits, 1944-1948
2. Spring and Annual Shows, 1948-1961
4. Spring and Annual Shows, 1972-1979
5. Spring and Annual Shows, 1980-1989
7. Spring and Annual Shows, 2000-2009
8. Spring and Annual Shows, 2010-current
9. Everyman’s Show, 1972-1976
10. Group Shows, 1953
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
Box 3 (continued)
Series 5: Guest Books
  16. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Books, no date and 1971
  17. Exhibit Guest Sign-in Book, 1976

Box 3 (continued)
Series 6: Newsletters and Press Releases
  22. Newsletters, 1970-1979
  23. Newsletters, 1982-1989
  26. Newsletters, 2010-current

Box 3 (continued)
Series 7: Radio Scripts
  27. Radio Scripts, March 16, 1953 and April 11, 1956

Box 4 (31 folders)
Series 8: Workshops and Classes
  2. Workshops and Classes, 1940s-2000s
  3. Art Camp, 2002-2003
  4. Art Camp, 2004-2005
  5. Art Camp, 2006-2012

Box 4 (continued)
Series 9: Correspondence
  6. Indiana Art Association Stationary (blank)
  7. Mailing Lists, 1940s-2000s
  8. Indiana County Sesquicentennial (1803-1953) program, 1953
  9. Correspondence, 1949-1959
  10. Correspondence, 1960-1975
  11. Correspondence, 1985-1998
  12. Correspondence, 2000-2009
  13. Correspondence, 2010-current
  14. Dr. Orval Kipp (1904-1995) IUP Faculty (see also Manuscript Group 205)
  15. 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.


Box 4 (continued)
Series 10: Newspaper Articles
19. List of Newspaper Articles, 1940s-2000s
20. Newspaper Articles, no dates
21. Newspaper Articles, 1930s-1940s
22. Newspaper Articles, 1950s (copies)
23. Newspaper Articles, 1950s (originals)
24. Newspaper Articles, 1960s
25. Newspaper Articles, 1970s
26. Newspaper Articles, 1980s
27. Newspaper Articles, 1990s
29. Newspaper Articles, 2000s
30. Newspaper Articles, 2010s

Box 4 (continued)
Series 11: History
31. History of Indiana Art Association, 1940s-2000s
32. The Indiana Art Association: Through the Years (2002) by Barbara L. Fritsch; and The Art of the Pattisons (1987) by Myron Tomb ‘69

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

Box 5 (6 scrapbooks)
Series 13: Scrapbooks
1. Scrapbook, 1943-1967
5. Scrapbook including Kids Art Camp, 2002-2004
6. Scrapbook, 2004