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Moose Jaw Women's Art Association fonds. - [textual record]. - 1929-1969. - 14.0 cm of textual records.

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Variations in title

Moose Jaw Women's Art Association Limited
Women's Arts and Crafts Association

Administrative history

On October 23, 1929 a small group of women met at the Moose Jaw Public Library for the purpose of forming an art association. The meeting was chaired by Mrs. Laird. They decided to call the group the Moose Jaw Women's Art Association. The first executive elected were Miss E. Vaughan, president; Miss Anna Hild, recording secretary; Miss Florence Johnstone, treasurer; Miss Ellis Johnstone, archivist.

The aims of the association were the encouragement of art, sculpture and handicrafts among women which could be enlarged to include music and drama; to hold exhibitions and provide scholarships; to acquire fine pieces of painting and sculpture; and to work towards the establishment of a fine arts museum.

After a short period the association became affiliated with the Women's Art Association of Canada.

The Moose Jaw Women's Art Association was divided into eight groups which met in the afternoons and evenings. Members could attend any or all of the groups depending on their interests. Varied handicraft work included crepe paper flowers, copper work, bead pictures, tin can creations, rugs, quilts, needlepoint, leatherwork, jewelry and hand painted china. Paintings were only one small part of the association. They held teas, bazaars, displays, meetings, sponsored exhibitions, hosted speakers and social events. Annually they held a banquet. In 1956 the Association entered a craft display in the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, and won a bronze medal. They acquired a collection of paintings that were hung in the Public Library for the enjoyment of all Moose Jaw citizens. Paintings also hung in their club rooms and some were donated to the Moose Jaw Art Museum.

Over the years, the Association had several meeting places, from a room in the YMCA, then the Binnings Store, to the Bank of Montreal chambers and then the Johnstone building. Presidents included Miss E. Vaughan, 1929; Mrs. W.A. Beynon, 1930, 1935; Mrs. F.G. Tolhurst, 1931-1932; Mrs. Hansberger, 1933-1934; Mrs. N.R. Craig, 1936-1937, 1947-1948; Mrs. A.W. Nairn, 1938; Mrs. R. Pugh, 1939; Mrs. J. Campbell, 1940; Miss E. Robinson, 1941-1942; Miss R. Way, 1943-1944; Mrs. Greta M. Vance, 1945-1946; Mrs. T.M. Sutherland, 1949; Mrs. Roy Wilson, 1950; Mrs. C. Pascoe, 1951; Mrs. J.J. McDonald, 1952-1953; Mrs. H.A. Brown, 1954-1955; Mrs. L.R. Carr, 1956; Mrs. W. McKay, 1957-1958; Mrs. E.E. McGuire, 1959-1960; Mrs. Alice B. West, 1961-1962; Mrs. Emily Lyon, 1963-1964;

Miss Jean Wilkinson, 1965-1966; Mrs. Vida Brown, 1967-1968; Mrs. Laura Grieve, 1969. In 1929 the Association started with less than 20 members. In 1956 there were 150 members, in 1957 there were over 200 members, in 1968 there were 32 members.

At the April 1969 meeting it was discussed whether or not the Association should disband. It was carried in a motion that the club should carry on into the fall and see how they stood financially.

They disbanded shortly after this (in 1969). The remaining assets (4 paintings) were placed in the Moose Jaw Art Museum.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of the constitution and by-laws, Memorandum of Association, incorporation documents, minutes of meetings, and archivists' (scrap)books containing newspaper clippings, photographs and programmes of events of the Moose Jaw Women's Art Association.

Physical description

The minute and archivist books contain loose pages of notes and newspaper clippings, some being very brittle and stained from tape. The archivist book (1939-1957) cover has separated from the spine of the book.

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Donated to the library by Mrs. George Arbeau. Some material was donated later by the Art Guild.

Accruals

No further accruals expected.

General note

The Bronze medal won at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, 1956 is located in Artifact Box 1.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

Box V-82

- 001 - Constitution and By-laws
- 002 - Memorandum of Association 1930
- 003 - Incorporation Documents 1930, 1931
- 004 - Stock Certificate [193-]
- 005 - Tax Return 1930
- 006 - Insurance/Policies 1933, 1934, [195-?]
- 007 - Log(Note)Book [1961?] - [1965]
- 008 - Meeting Roll Call 1949-1957
- 009 - Minute Book 1929-1935
- 010 - Minute Book 1935-1946
- 011 - Minute Book 1946-1969

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- 012 - Correspondence 1939-1950
- 013 - Correspondence 1951-1956
- 014 - Correspondence 1957-1966
- 015 - Craft Group Schedules 1956-1957, 1961-1967
- 016 - Achievement Certificates 1956, 1957
- 017 - Archivist Book 1929-1938
- 018 - Archivist Book 1939-1957
- 019 - Archivist Book 1957-1967

020 - Letterhead (1 sheet)

021 - Craft Patterns/Instructions

022 - Art Supply Information/Catalog [192-?]. 1958-1967

023 - Pamphlets

Box A-1

-Bronze Medal won at the Pacific National Exhibition in Vancouver, 1956