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## Art Club Records

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 feet).

**Provenance:**

The records were donated by Melissa Chambers in September 2008.

**Access:**

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**Organizational History:**

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:**

The records of the Art Club contain the minutes of meetings from 1881-1971. These minutes record meeting attendance and provide a summary of what was discussed in the meeting. The minutes also record administrative records such as member lists, member waiting lists, financial status, and results of the yearly officer elections. The collection also contains a collection of programs from 1887-1949. The 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.

**Names:**

Art Club – Records and correspondence.

## **Container List**

### **Box 1**

Bound volumes:

Art Club Records 1881-1890 (116 pages, bound): includes information about elections and meeting minutes.

Art Club Exhibit Register (82 pages, bound): list of names of people who attended the Art Club Exhibit.

Art Club Records 1891-1898 (224 pages, bound): includes the club's Constitution, lists of members and accounts, meeting minutes, and newspaper clippings about the club and its members.

Art Club Register: Members of the Art Club 1887 (100 pages, bound): list of members, meeting minutes.

Art Club Records 1899-1903 (152 pages, bound): includes lists of members and accounts, meeting minutes, and newspaper clippings about the club and its members pg. 43-44 missing.

Records of the Art Club 1904-1908 (150 pages, bound): includes lists of members and accounts, meeting minutes, newspaper clippings about the club and its members, and programs from club events.

Art Club Records 1909-1917 (201 pages, bound): includes Art Club programs, lists of members, financial reports, meeting minutes, newspaper articles about the club and its members, and the waiting list of the club.

Art Club Records 1918-1924 (100 pages, bound): includes lists of members, financial reports, meeting minutes, and the waiting list of the club.

Art Club Records 1924-1929 (98 pages, bound): includes meetings minutes, list of members, financial reports, and newspaper clippings about the club and its members.

Art Club Records 1930-1943 (299 pages, bound): includes meeting minutes, lists of members, and financial reports.

Art Club Records 1944-1948 (72 pages, bound): includes list of members, financial reports, and meeting minutes.

Art Club Records 1949-1955 (148 pages, bound): includes meeting minutes and financial reports.

Art Club Records 1956-1963 (152 pages, bound): includes meeting minutes and financial reports.

Art Club Records 1963-1971 (152 pages, bound): includes meeting minutes, menus of club luncheons, and financial reports.

Folder 1: Art Club Programs: include list of meeting dates and topics, list of officers, members, honorary members and deceased members, and the Constitution of the club (unbound, separate pamphlets).

1887 – 8 pages

1888 – 5 pages

1889 – 7 pages  
1890 – 7 pages  
1891 – 8 pages (missing cover)  
1892 – 15 pages  
1893 – 12 pages  
1894 – 15 pages  
1895 – 19 pages  
1896 - 19 pages  
1900 – 10 pages

Art Club 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration, 2001: invitation, dinner menu, and entertainment listing

Folder 2: Art Club Programs - include list of meeting dates and topics, list of officers, members, honorary members and deceased members, and the Constitution of the club (unbound, separate pamphlets).

1901 (25th annual) - 20 pages  
1902 (26th annual) - 24 pages  
1903 (27th annual) - 22 pages  
1904 (28th annual) - 21 pages  
1905 (29th annual) - 16 pages  
1906 - 31 pages  
1907 - 33 pages  
1908 - 32 pages  
1909 - 31 pages  
1910 - 30 pages  
1911 - 30 pages  
1912 - 30 pages  
1913 - 30 pages  
1914 - 30 pages  
1915 - 30 pages  
1917 - 29 pages  
1918 + 1919 - 29 pages  
1920 - 23 pages  
1921 - 25 pages

Folder 3: Art Club Programs - include list of meeting dates and topics, list of officers, members, honorary members and deceased members, and the Constitution of the club (unbound, separate pamphlets).

1922 - 20 pages  
1923 - 26 pages  
1924 - 20 pages  
1925 - 20 pages  
1926 – 20 pages  
1927 – 20 pages  
1928 – 20 pages  
1929 – 20 pages  
1930 – 20 pages  
1931 – 20 pages

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1948 – 16 pages  
1949 – 19 pages