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# **Society of Washington Artists Collection**

## **An inventory of Society of Washington Artists at DC Public Library**

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## Summary Information

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<b>Repository:</b>	People's Archive, MLK Library
<b>Creator:</b>	Society of Washington Artists (Washington, D.C.)
<b>Title:</b>	Society of Washington Artists Collection
<b>ID:</b>	058
<b>Date [inclusive]:</b>	1890-1966
<b>Physical Description:</b>	2 Linear feet
<b>Physical Description:</b>	3 Boxes
<b>Language of the Material:</b>	English
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## Biographical / Historical

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The Society of Washington Artists was founded in 1892 as an organization meant to support the arts and artists in the city of Washington, D.C. The Society put on an annual exhibition of artwork and gave out an award in conjunction with the newspaper The Washington Star. Notable members include: Everett Warner, Frederick Carl Smith, Susan Brown Chase, Garnet Jex, Heinz Warneke, Ruth A. Anderson, William Henry Holmes (President), Elanor Parke Custis, Louis Amateis, and Alexis Many. The Society ceased operations in the late 1960s.

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## Scope and Contents

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The materials in this collection reflect the administrative duties of the management of the The Society of Washington Artists. Materials include: correspondence, programs, meeting minutes (including one bound volume of minutes), the official Society Seal, and exhibition catalogues. Also included in this

collection are photocopies of many of the materials. Some of the copies do not have corresponding original documents in this collection. The location of these originals is unknown.

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## Arrangement

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Series I: Administrative Files This series contains the administrative files of the Society of Washington Artists. Items in this series include: correspondence, Constitution and By-laws, meeting minutes, programs, and newspaper clippings. These items are arranged in this series alphabetically. A bound volume of meeting minutes is housed in a separate box. Series 2: Exhibition Catalogues This series contains the Exhibition Catalogues annually published by the Society of Washington Artists. These catalogues showcase the works of art on display at the Society's annual Exhibition. The dates range from 1891-1963 with a few years missing. The items in this series are arranged chronologically.

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## Administrative Information

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### Publication Statement

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### Revision Description

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## Custodial History

The collection was originally filed in the Library Vertical File Collection and on the shelf in the Reference Room. Because of the unique nature of the materials and the amount of materials available, it was decided that a collection should be created out of the materials.

## Processing Information

Standard archival processing procedures were applied at the time of processing

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## Related Materials

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### Related Materials

Smithsonian Institution Archives of American Art. Society of Washington Artists records, 1897-1967.  
OCLC Number 1030334477.

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## Controlled Access Headings

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- Societies and clubs
- Organizational Records
- Minutes (Records)
- Arts
- Artists

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## Collection Inventory

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### Series 1: Administrative Files

## Scope and Contents

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Title/Description	Instances	
Clippings, 1895-1959	Box 1	Folder 1
Constitution and By-laws, 1920-1929	Box 1	Folder 2
Contests and Awards (1 of 2), 1925-1963	Box 1	Folder 3
Contests and Awards (2 of 2), 1925-1963	Box 1	Folder 4
Correspondence, Undated	Box 1	Folder 5
Art Situation Commission, 1930	Box 1	Folder 6
Corcoran Gallery (1 of 2), 1921-1932	Box 1	Folder 7
Corcoran Gallery (copies) (2 of 2), 1921-1932	Box 1	Folder 8
Exhibitions (1 of 3), 1915-1929	Box 1	Folder 9
Exhibitions (copies) (2 of 3), 1915-1929	Box 1	Folder 10
Exhibitions (copies) (3 of 3), 1915-1929	Box 1	Folder 11
Exhibitions (1 of 2), 1930-1939	Box 1	Folder 12
Exhibitions (copies) (2 of 2), 1930-1939	Box 1	Folder 13
Holmes, 1926-1933	Box 1	Folder 14
Libraries, 1920-1931	Box 1	Folder 15
Public Relations, 1921-1931	Box 1	Folder 16
Louis Kidder Sparrow, 1932	Box 1	Folder 17
Exhibition Programs, 1912-1954	Box 1	Folder 18
Membership, 1923-1955	Box 1	Folder 19
Minutes, 1913	Box 1	Folder 20
Minutes, 1917	Box 1	Folder 21
Minutes, 1925	Box 1	Folder 22
Minutes, 1926	Box 1	Folder 23
Minutes, 1929	Box 1	Folder 24
Minutes, 1930	Box 1	Folder 25
Minutes, 1931	Box 1	Folder 26
Minutes (copies), 1917-1931	Box 1	Folder 27
Official Seal (Stamp), Undated	Box 1	Folder 28

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## Series 2: Exhibition Catalogues

### Scope and Contents

This series contains the Exhibition Catalogues annually published by the Society of Washington Artists. These catalogues showcase the works of art on display at the Society's annual Exhibition. The dates range from 1891-1963 with a few years missing. The items in this series are arranged chronologically.

Title/Description	Instances	
Exhibition Catalogue, 1891	Box 1	Folder 29
Exhibition Catalogue, 1899	Box 1	Folder 30
Exhibition Catalogue, 1900-1902	Box 1	Folder 31
Exhibition Catalogue, 1903	Box 1	Folder 32
Exhibition Catalogue, 1904	Box 1	Folder 33
Exhibition Catalogue, 1905	Box 1	Folder 34
Exhibition Catalogue, 1906	Box 1	Folder 35
Exhibition Catalogue, 1908	Box 1	Folder 36
Exhibition Catalogue, 1909	Box 1	Folder 37
Exhibition Catalogue, 1910	Box 1	Folder 38
Exhibition Catalogue, 1911	Box 1	Folder 39
Exhibition Catalogue, 1912	Box 1	Folder 40
Exhibition Catalogue, 1913	Box 1	Folder 41
Exhibition Catalogue, 1914	Box 1	Folder 42
Exhibition Catalogue, 1915	Box 1	Folder 43
Exhibition Catalogue, 1916	Box 1	Folder 44
Exhibition Catalogue, 1917	Box 1	Folder 45
Exhibition Catalogue (2 copies), 1921	Box 1	Folder 46
Exhibition Catalogue, 1922	Box 1	Folder 47
Exhibition Catalogue, 1925	Box 1	Folder 48
Exhibition Catalogue, 1927	Box 1	Folder 49
Exhibition Catalogue, 1929	Box 1	Folder 50
Exhibition Catalogue, 1930	Box 1	Folder 51
Exhibition Catalogue, 1931	Box 1	Folder 52

Exhibition Catalogue, 1932	Box 1	Folder 53
Exhibition Catalogue (2 copies), 1933	Box 1	Folder 54
Exhibition Catalogue, 1934	Box 1	Folder 55
Exhibition Catalogue, 1935	Box 1	Folder 56
Exhibition Catalogue, 1936	Box 1	Folder 57
Exhibition Catalogue, 1937	Box 1	Folder 58
Exhibition Catalogue, 1937-1938	Box 1	Folder 59
Exhibition Catalogue, 1939	Box 1	Folder 60
Exhibition Catalogue, 1940	Box 1	Folder 61
Exhibition Catalogue, 1941	Box 1	Folder 62
Exhibition Catalogue, 1942	Box 1	Folder 63
Exhibition Catalogue, 1943	Box 1	Folder 64
Exhibition Catalogue, 1944	Box 1	Folder 65
Exhibition Catalogue, 1944-1945	Box 1	Folder 66
Exhibition Catalogue, 1953-1956, 1959-1963	Box 1	Folder 67

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