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MS 692**Tucson Fine Arts Association Collection
1928 – 1935/1948****DESCRIPTION**

This collection primarily consists of two scrapbooks associated with the Tucson Fine Arts Association (1928 – 1935) and the Tucson Independent Artist's Group (1948) providing clippings, brochures, and minutes regarding these organizations. Newspaper clipping feature stories regarding exhibits, meetings, election of officers, local and visiting artists, and news of other art group activities highlight the Fine Arts Association scrapbook. Numerous events and exhibits are featured with listings of participants, funding, exhibited items, and attendance numbers. The other notebook highlights the first major exhibit of the Tucson Independent Artist's Group in 1948. This showing of artwork sponsored by the organization ran from January 4 to 25 and proved very successful. Artists provided a wide range of submissions including oil, watercolors, crayon, line drawings, photography work, sculpture, and curved glass. Additional pages show meeting notes and planning of the organization in late December and early January leading up to the event.

1 Box, 1.5 linear ft.

HISTORICAL NOTE

In 1924 a few Tucson citizens founded a civic art group becoming known as the Tucson Fine Arts Association. The association grew out of the work of the Art Committee of the Tucson Women's Club. On March 20, 1924 a meeting was conducted by the committee to consider options to expand the scope of art support to the Tucson community. The result of this meeting was the creation of a new organization, the Tucson Fine Arts Association. The group provided exhibits, art lectures, and the opportunity to showcase local artist's works.

In the fall of 1946 a group of artists conducted an art show in Tucson. The group became known as the Tucson Independent Artist's Group and maintained a non-political, non-categorical, non-profit association of practitioners residing and working in the Tucson area. Their philosophy maintained that there should be no jury opinions or ranking of art works shown at shows as was the case with events of the Tucson Fine Arts Association. This group provided small showings in the Tucson area until the exhibit of 1948 where hundreds of individuals came to observe the art. Shortly after this event a merger was organized with the Tucson Fine Arts Association.

ACQUISITION - Donated by Paul M. Roca in 1957.

ACCESS - There are no restrictions on access to this collection.

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PROCESSING - The collection was previously processed and reviewed by Dave Tackenberg in June 2010.

Box and Folder Listing

Box 1

Folder 1	First Independent Artist Exhibit Notebook	1948
f.2	First Independent Artist Exhibit (Loose Items from Notebook	1948
f.3	Publication Stories Regarding First Independent Artist Exhibit	1948

Outside Item

Tucson Fine Arts Association	Scrapbook	1928 - 1935
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