



## **Finding Aide: The Art League of Beloit, Wisconsin, (1859) 1927 – 1989**

Accession. Object ID # 2021.25.1, 1952.1.1, 1960.17.2

Size: 2.5 linear feet

Condition: Good to Poor

Processing to: Folder level

Donation date: 1952 (4 booklets), July 29, 2011, June 12, 2012, remainder unknown

Date Collection Committee Approved: Unknown

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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### **HISTORY**

The Art League of Beloit was organized by vote of those present at a meeting of a group of Beloit women, friends of art held on Tuesday afternoon November 1, 1927 at the home of Mrs. R.K. Rockwell, near Mound Avenue. Twenty women were present who were interested in promoting community art appreciation and to discuss the organizing of a club. Mrs. George Cary was elected as temporary chairman. Officers elected were: Chairman, Mrs. Carey; Vice Chairman, Mrs. Minifred Worthington; Second Vice Chairman and Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Caroline Burr; Secretary, Mrs. Edward Solution; Treasurer, Mrs. E.H. Neese; and Historian, Mrs. T.A. Thayer. The appointing of committees on membership, hanging, social, gallery, school, home and crafts, and constitution were approved. A Chairman was to be approved for each category and authorized to select their own working associates. Dues were set as follows: Sustaining Member \$5.00, Annual Member \$2.00, and Student Member \$1.00. A motion was made and carried that the Chairman of the Art Committee of the Beloit Federation of Women be made a permanent member of the executive board of the League.

For over 70 years, The Art League of Beloit has assisted the artistic programs at Beloit College and promoted the creation and understanding of art.

### **Scope of Collection**

The collection (2021.25.1) consists of Board meeting minutes, Board members, Committees and Exhibits, Programs, Early history, Artists, and newspaper clippings. The most complete portion of the collection are the Yearbooks that cover much of the span of the years The Art League was active. The History folder has information about early exhibitions in 1859 and 1938.

The ledger (2011.19), 1927-1944, documents the first 27 years of the Art League through extensive notes taken by the Secretary during the League meetings. There is a lack of information about the Art League from 1945-1964. The two scrapbooks (2012.48.1-2) continue coverage from 1965-1968. No information is available in this collection about the activities of the Art League from 1968 to present day.

### **Description: The Art League of Beloit, Wisconsin 1927-1989**

The Accession and object ID # for this collection is 2021.25.1 unless otherwise noted.

Folder 1 – Message from the President 1982, Executive Board Members 1981 – 1983, Annual Meeting 1985, Board Meeting 1985, Board of Directors 1984-1985, Board Meeting 1986, Board Meeting 1986-1987, Beloit and Vicinity Show final report 1986, Board of Directors 1988-1989.

Folder 2 – The Art League of Beloit, History, Exhibits 1938, Committee Members 1938, Madrigal Singers 1938, Beloit College Art Exhibit Catalog (no date), Art Exhibit Hanchett's Hall, December 7, 1859 [1960.17.2 (old# 19256)]

Folder 3 – The Art League of Beloit Artists 1977-1985, Artists included in On Wisconsin

Folder 4 – Honorary Membership Cards: M.M. Wallace 1933-34, 1936-37, 1938-39, 1939-40, Mrs. Hecker 1939-40, R.K. Richardson 1940-41

Folder 5 – Correspondence, letter, To Vail from Ilse

Folder 6 – The Art League of Beloit, Newsletter, Coming Events, 1981-1989, (several undated)

Folder 7 – The Art League of Beloit, Program Highlights, Seasons, 1974-1978

Folder 8 – The Art League of Beloit, Workshops and Chicago Trip 1982

Folder 9 – The Art League of Beloit, Yearbooks, 1927-1942, (old #'s XL-1276, XL-1277) 14 booklets including duplicates

Folder 10 – The Art League of Beloit, Yearbooks, 1942-1947 [1952.1.1] 4 booklets

Folder 11 – The Art League of Beloit, Yearbooks, 1942-1952 (old #'s XL-1279 to XL-1285) 17 booklets including duplicates

Folder 12 – The Art League of Beloit, Yearbooks, 1974-1989

Folder 13 – The Art League of Beloit, Annual Exhibit Catalogs, 16<sup>th</sup> (1973), 17<sup>th</sup> (1974), 18<sup>th</sup> (1975), 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup>, 32<sup>nd</sup> (1989), James Lamb

Folder 14 – The Art League of Beloit, Rock Prairie Showcase Festival, 1986

Folder 15 – The Art League of Beloit, Miscellaneous Newspaper Clippings of events, 1954-1989

Folder 16- 1 ledger of Secretary's Records, 1927-1944 (good condition) (2011.19.1)

The Art League Doll Show, circa 1936, [two small photographs (2021.25.2-3, old #'s P-681 and P-682) moved to photograph storage]

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- 1 scrapbook, 1956-1967, (poor condition, front cover broken off, cornflaking) Art League activities, newspaper articles, gallery announcements, exhibition pamphlets. (2012.48.1)
- 1 scrapbook, 1967-1968 (poor condition, both front and back covers broken off) Art League activities, newspaper articles, artist information, gallery announcements and exhibition pamphlets. (2012.48.2)

## Container List: The Art League of Beloit, Wisconsin 1927-1989

2021.25.1					
CONTAINER	FOLDER	CREATOR	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 1	1	Art League of Beloit		Annual Board Meetings, membership	meeting minutes Beloit and Vicinity Show Board of Directors
Box 1	2	Art League of Beloit	1859, 1938	History, Exhibits	Art League Exhibit

Box 1	3	Art League of Beloit		Artists	Art League Artists
Box 1	4	Art League of Beloit		Honorary Membership	Art League Membership Cards Membership
Box 1	5	Art League of Beloit		Correspondence	Art League Correspondence
Box 1	6	Art League of Beloit		Newsletter	Art League Newsletter Mrs. W. W. Wallace
Box 1	7	Art League of Beloit		Program Highlights	Art League Programs
Box 1	8	Art League of Beloit	1982	Workshops	Art League Workshops Chicago Trip
Box 1	9	Art League of Beloit		Yearbooks	Art League Yearbook
Box 1	11	Art League of Beloit		Yearbooks	Art League Yearbook
Box 1	12	Art League of Beloit		Yearbooks	Art League Yearbook
Box 1	13	Art League of Beloit		Exhibit Catalogs	Art League Exhibit Catalog
Box 1	14	Art League of Beloit	1986	Rock Prairie Showcase Festival	Art League Festival Rock Prairie
Box 1	15	The Beloit Daily News		Newspaper clippings	
Box 1	16			Secretary's Record Ledger	
Box 1	10	Art League of Beloit		Yearbooks	Yearbooks Art League
Box 2		Art League of Beloit		Scrapbook	Art League Scrapbook
Box 3		Art League of Beloit		Scrapbook Oversized	Art League Scrapbook

<b>1952.1.1</b>			
CONTAINER	FOLDER	CREATOR	SUBJECTS
Box 45	Folder 10	Mrs. R.K. Richardson	Art League of Beloit Yearbook

<b>1960.17.2</b>					
CONTAINER	FOLDER	CREATOR	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 1	2	Art League of Beloit	1859, 1938	History, Exhibits	Art League Exhibit