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IMA Asian Art Society Records, 1975-2008, n.d. | Indianapolis Museum of Art Archives

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Collection Overview

Title: IMA Asian Art Society Records, 1975-2008, n.d.

Collection ID: AFF002

Primary Creators: Asian Art Society (Indianapolis, Ind.), Oriental Art Society (Indianapolis, Ind.), Indianapolis Museum of Art

Extent: 2.83 linear feet

Arrangement: This collection has been arranged into five series:

Series I: History

Series II: Events

Series III: Finance [RESTRICTED]

Series IV: Minutes [RESTRICTED]

Series V: Membership [RESTRICTED]

Date Acquired: January 23, 2014

Languages: English

Scope and Contents of the Materials

The IMA Asian Art Society (AAS) Records document the efforts of the AAS to help grow the IMA's Asian art collection through donations and funding acquisitions. It also details the Society's efforts to interest and educate members and the public about Asian art through lectures, speakers, and trips.

Series 1: History, 1975-2008, n.d. includes correspondence, news clippings, newsletters, blank letterhead, and ephemera of the Asian Art Society. When possible, newsletters were removed

from different sources throughout the collection to create a comprehensive group of newsletters in chronological order within this series. Newsletters may also contain notices or letters mailed to members. This series was grouped by like items and arranged chronologically.

Series 2: Events, 1976-2008, n.d. contains information pertinent to the events held by the Asian Arts Society. These events include the yearly Lunar New Year Dinner represented by the corresponding Chinese zodiac sign, special lectures, picnics, group trips, etc. The Events series includes planning notes, flyers, invitations, menus, correspondence, photos, lists of reservations, budget information, etc. The Events series is arranged chronologically.

Series 3: Finance, 1975-2008, n.d. [RESTRICTED] includes income/expense reports, financial statements, treasurer's reports, operating fund information, and budgets for specific events. It also contains donor requests to purchase pieces of artwork for the IMA. This series is grouped by like items and arranged chronologically.

Series 4: Minutes, 1978-2008, n.d. [RESTRICTED] contains meeting minutes from executive board meetings, affiliate group meetings, general meetings, agendas, and other communication. This series also contains the President and Vice President notebooks. These notebooks can include minutes, agendas, correspondence, event planning, etc. The minutes are arranged chronologically.

Series 5: Membership, 1982-2008, n.d. [RESTRICTED] includes affiliate group handbooks, orientation manuals, membership binders, member lists, copies of the bylaws, and member directories. This series also contains papers related to the membership committee, including applications, member renewal forms, and letters. The Membership series has been grouped with like materials and arranged chronologically.

Historical Note

Founded in 1975, the Asian Art Society (AAS) aims to cultivate greater interest in the IMA through the Museum's renowned collection of Asian Art. The AAS was originally named the Oriental Arts Society, but changed its name to the Asian Arts Society around the 1990s. Members of the AAS support the IMA's Asian art collection by assisting in the selection and acquisition of new works of art for the Asian Art Department and co-sponsoring dinners and lectures with prominent art collectors, historians, and dealers. Events hosted by the AAS have included lectures on such topics as Life and Art in the Ming Dynasty, Japanese Screens, The Art of Kabuki, and many more. The AAS is led by a Board of Directors and is advised by John Teramoto, Curator of Asian Art and a Museum Affiliate liaison. In 2016, AAS celebrated its 40th anniversary.

Presidents:

Robert Shula: 1975-1978
Keith Clary: 1978-1980
Tom Kuebler: 1980-1982
Dorit Paul: 1982-1984
Carolyn Greer: 1984-1986
Dick Fowler: 1986-1987
Marni Fechtman: 1987-1989
Betty Aker: 1989-1991
Ernest Lorch: 1991-1993
Joan Kahn: 1993-1995
Jane Schlegel: 1995-1997
Nancy Sinclair: 1997-1999
Jody Garrigus: 1999-2001
Joe Caparo: 2001-2003
Patricia Lyster: 2003-2005
Eli Lopez: 2005-2007
Chip Kalleen: 2007-2008
Tom Kuebler: 2008-2011
Marni Fechtman: 2011-2013
Nancy Inui: 2013-2016
Scott Keller: 2016-2017

Sources

Material in the collection.

Indianapolis Museum of Art, "Asian Art Society," Accessed February 2017,
<http://www.imamuseum.org/give-join/affiliate-memberships/asian-art-society>

Subject/Index Terms

Art appreciation,
Art museums,
Fund raising,
Indianapolis Museum of Art

Forms of Material:

annual reports,
blank forms,
clippings (information artifacts),
correspondence,
financial records,

invitations,
minutes,
newsletters,
notes,
photographs,
printed ephemera,
reports,
telephone directories

Administrative Information

Repository: Indianapolis Museum of Art Archives

Alternate Extent Statement: 3 boxes, 5 photo folders, 7 binders

Access Restrictions: The first two series of this collection are open for research. Series 3 through 5 are open to IMA staff and members of the Asian Art Society, and will be made available to non-IMA staff or AAS researchers at the discretion of the archivist.

Use Restrictions: Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder. Please contact the Archivist for more information.

Acquisition Source: John Teramoto, Curator

Acquisition Method: Transfer

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Box and Folder Listing

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Box 1

Folder 1: Ephemera, n.d.

Folder 2: Blank letterhead and envelopes, n.d.
Folder 3: Correspondence, 1975-2008, n.d.
Folder 4: News clippings, 2004
Folder 5: Newsletters, 1987-2002, n.d.
Folder 6: Newsletters, 2003
Folder 7: Newsletters, 2004-2005

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Box 1

Folder 8: New Year's Dinner, 1976-1978
Folder 9: Society dinner reservations, 1979-1983, n.d.
Folder 10: Dinner, May 12, 1980
Folder 11: List of activities, 1981-2002, n.d.
Folder 12: Year of the Rooster, February 2, 1981
Folder 13: Ceramic session, May 6, 1981
Folder 14: Gardens on a Summer Afternoon, June 28, 1981
Folder 15: Seminar on Chinese painting, September 16, 1981
Folder 16: Dinner, January 30, 1982
Folder 17: Year of the Pig, January 31, 1983
Folder 18: Summer picnic, July 11, 1983
Folder 19: Hong Kong, Singapore, Bali trip letter, 1983
Folder 20: Year of the Rat, 1984
Folder 21: Treasures in Japan, May 19-June 12, 1984
Folder 22: Year of the Horse, January 29, 1990
Folder 23: Dr. John Huntington speaker invite, March 14, 1990
Folder 24: "Joys, Frustrations, Cautions, Advice, Gossip, and Stories" by Joe Rice,
November 15, 1993
Folder 25: Year of the Rabbit, February 22, 1999
Folder 26: Year of the Dragon, February 7, 2000
Folder 27: Year of the Horse, February 11, 2002
Folder 28: Year of the Sheep, January 27, 2003
Folder 29: Yamamoto home tour, April 26, 2003
Folder 30: Farewell to the Asian Galleries, November 1, 2003
Folder 31: Year of the Monkey, January 26, 2004

Folder 32: *Filling the Hole in the East Asian Doughnut: Korean Masterworks at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art*, March 22, 2004
Folder 33: Year of the Rooster, February 7, 2005
Folder 34: Year of the Dog, February 12, 2006
Folder 35: Asian Gallery opening, November 1, 2006
Folder 36: Year of the Pig, February 18, 2007
Folder 37: Year of the Pig planning folder, February 18, 2007
Folder 38: *The Namesake* movie invite, January 17, 2008
Folder 39: Year of the Rat, February 8, 2008
Folder 40: "Hello Kitty: The Global Brand with Nine Lives" presentation and book signing, March 27, 2008
Folder 41: St. Louis Art Museum trip, April 26, 2008
Folder 42: The Art of Japanese Zen, May 6, 2008
Folder 43: Summer Solstice: Mare Ferunditatis, June 21, 2008
Folder 44: A celebration of Tom Kuebler's life, n.d.

Photo Folder 1: Unidentified event, ca. 1990s

Photo Folder 2: New Year's Dinner, January 1990

Photo Folder 3: Lunar New Year, February 1991

Photo Folder 4: Annual meeting at the Greencastle Inn, June 1991

Photo Folder 5: Meeting, n.d.

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Box 2

Folder 1: Treasurer's reports, 1975, n.d.

Folder 2: Treasurer's reports, 1976

Folder 3: Treasurer's reports, 1977

Folder 4: Treasurer's reports, 1978

Folder 5: Treasurer's reports, 1979

Folder 6: Treasurer's reports, 1980

Folder 7: Treasurer's reports, 1981

Folder 8: Treasurer's reports, 1982

Folder 9: Treasurer's reports, 1983

Folder 10: Balance sheet, 1983

Folder 11: Balance sheet, 1984

Folder 12: Balance sheet, 1985

Folder 13: Financial report, 1984

- Folder 14: Financial report, 2008
- Folder 15: Income/Expense reports by event, 1981-1982
- Folder 16: Income/Expense report, 1984-1985
- Folder 17: Operating fund, 2001-2002
- Folder 18: Donor list to Dr. Mino gift fund, 1984
- Folder 19: Donor forms, n.d.

Binder 1: Finance, 2004-2005

Series 4: Minutes, 1978-2008, n.d. [RESTRICTED] contains meeting minutes from executive board meetings, affiliate group meetings, general meetings, agendas, and other communication. This series also contains the President and Vice President notebooks. These notebooks can include minutes, agendas, correspondence, event planning, etc. The minutes are arranged chronologically.

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- Folder 20: Minutes, 1978
- Folder 21: Minutes, 1979
- Folder 22: Minutes, 1980
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- Folder 24: Minutes, 1982
- Folder 25: Minutes, 1983
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- Folder 27: Minutes, 1985
- Folder 28: Minutes, 1987
- Folder 29: Minutes, 1988
- Folder 30: Minutes, 1989
- Folder 31: Minutes, 1990
- Folder 32: Minutes, 1991
- Folder 33: Minutes, 1992
- Folder 34: Minutes, 1993
- Folder 35: Minutes, 1994
- Folder 36: Minutes, 1995
- Folder 37: Minutes, 1997
- Folder 38: Minutes, 1998
- Folder 39: Minutes, 1999
- Folder 40: Minutes binder, 1999-2001
- Folder 41: Minutes, 2000
- Folder 42: Minutes, 2002
- Folder 43: Minutes, 2003
- Folder 44: Meeting reminder, February 23, 2004

Folder 45: Minutes, 2008
Folder 46: Minutes, n.d.

Binder 2: Eli Lopez [VP], 2003-2005
Binder 3: Patricia Lyster, 2003-2004
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Binder 5: Eli Lopez, 2005-2007
Binder 6: Chip Kalleen, 2007-2008

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Box 2

Folder 47: Articles of Association and Bylaws, n.d.
Folder 48: Membership application, n.d.
Folder 49: Membership renewal form, n.d.

Box 3

Folder 1: Membership committee, 1982
Folder 2: Membership correspondence, 1980-1984, n.d.
Folder 3: Membership check correspondence, 1983-1985, n.d.
Folder 4: Dues invoices, 1983-1985
Folder 5: Call to members, 2008
Folder 6: Member lists, 1975-1980
Folder 7: Member lists, 1981-1982, n.d.
Folder 8: Member lists, 1983-1984, n.d.
Folder 9: Member lists, 1985
Folder 10: Member lists, 1998-2001, n.d.
Folder 11: Member directory, 1989-1990
Folder 12: Member directory, 1990-1991
Folder 13: Member directory, 1992-1993
Folder 14: Member directory, 1993-1994
Folder 15: Member directory, 2000-2001
Folder 16: Member directory, 2001-2002
Folder 17: Member directory, 2002-2003
Folder 18: Member directory, 2003-2004
Folder 19: Member directory, 2005-2006
Folder 20: Member directory, 2006-2007

Folder 21: Annual report, 1988-2002

Folder 22: Orientation Manual Affiliate/Support Groups, 2003

Folder 23: Affiliate Group Handbook, 2004

Folder 24: Affiliate Group Handbook and response to changes, 2004

Folder 25: Affiliate papers, 2006-2007

Folder 26: Affiliate annual report, 2008

Binder 7: Bylaws, 2003-2004