

The W.A. Women's Society of Fine Arts & Crafts

The W.A. Women's Society of Fine Arts & Crafts was founded in 1935 originally under the name the West Australian Women Painters and Applied Arts Society. The Society was formed to give women more of an opportunity to be recognised as part of the local arts community, which was very male dominated at that time. The Society has been well known for its annual exhibitions, workshops and tertiary study scholarships to financially support performances & exhibitions and also assist with overseas travel. This collection provides insight into the history of the organisation from its establishment through to 2011.

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SUMMARY OF CLASSES	
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Acc. No.	DESCRIPTION
8893A/1	EXHIBITION BOOK 1953 – 1976 Book entitled ' <i>Exhibition Book 1953</i> ' A collection of meeting minutes, correspondence, rosters, exhibition schedules, invitations and newspaper/magazine clippings relating to the annual exhibitions.
	FILES
8893A/2	1962 - 2011 Contents of file ' <i>Trustee</i> ' – documents relating to the Trustees of the Society 3 x colour images of works by unknown artists. A list of early members of the W.A. Women's Society of Fine Arts & Crafts compiled by Mavis Sedgley to be contacted for submission of their work to the 70 th anniversary exhibition. News article published in 1979 from an unknown newspaper, relating to the history of the organisation and advertising the annual exhibition. Documentation and correspondence between the President of the Society and the Trustees relating to the dissolution and winding up of the Society and the death of Trustee Dr. Dominic Serventy. Meeting agenda 12 th April 2000. A member's (unnamed) literary piece discussing the cultural changes of the Society and changes in quality of work since the acquisition of the Arts & Crafts House in Subiaco. 6 x colour images of members of the Society including Mavis Sedgley. Mailing List as at February 1989. Copy of the Certificate of Incorporation, issued 1944, copied and signed by Registrar of Companies, 1962. Associations Incorporation Act 1987 with markings. Affidavit and Memorial of Sealholders signed by Mavis Sedgley, Cecily Downing and Dorothy Darby, 1988. Email correspondence, 2011.
	FINANCIAL RECORDS
8893A/3	1962 – 1973 Contents of file ' <i>Important Records Art & Craft House</i> ' A collection of receipts, costing summaries, correspondence relating to finances and other financial documentation. Includes details about the premises of 37 Churchill

	Avenue Subiaco – a location plan map and newspaper article relating to the acquisition of the property are held within. Also includes general correspondence.
	MEMBERSHIP LISTS
	Includes members' names and addresses
8893A/4	1949 - 1983
8893A/5	1975 – 1981
8893A/6	1982 – 1994. Also includes miscellaneous costings 1980 – 1992
8893A/7	Mailing lists for March 1976, July 1976, October 1980, July 1984 and February 1992
	MINUTE BOOKS
8893A/8	1944 – 1946. At the back of the book is a list of members' names & addresses for 1945-1946.
8893A/9	1947 – April 26 1950. At the front is a list of members' names & addresses.
8893A/10	24 May 1950 – 1954. Also includes the constitution, names of office bearers & an inventory of the "loft" furnishings.
8893A/11	1955 – 1960. Includes an inventory of the "loft" furnishings.
8893A/12	1961 - 1964
8893A/13	1965 – 10 September 1969
8893A/14	8 October 1969 – 12 December 1973
8893A/15	1974 – 8 November 1978
8893A/16	6 December 1978 – 9 March 1988
8893A/17	April 1988 – December 1995
8893A/18	1996 – 8 December 2004
8893A/19	2005 - 2011
	NEWSLETTERS
8893A/20	1991 – 2009 Copies of the W.A. Women's Society of Fine Arts and Crafts newsletters, usually released monthly.
	SCRAPBOOKS
8401A/1	1935 - 1994 Includes newspaper articles, newsletters, membership certificates, committee listings, annual exhibition catalogues, invitations to members' exhibitions, photographs, Society constitution books and greeting cards. Includes the publication <i>It's Time to Remember 1935 – 1978</i> by Miss D. Morrow, Miss M. Sedgley & Mrs A. Walsh (1979). 2 vol.

Holdings = 59cm

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