

Guide to the Las Vegas Art Museum Records

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Summary Information

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| Repository: | University of Nevada, Las Vegas. University Libraries. Special Collections and Archives. |
| Creator: | Las Vegas Art Museum |
| Title: | Las Vegas Art Museum Records |
| ID: | MS-00549 |
| Date [inclusive]: | 1952-2009 |
| Date [bulk]: | 1997-2009 |
| Physical Description: | 3.67 Cubic Feet (4 boxes) |
| Physical Description: | 3.17 Linear Feet |
| Language of the Material: | English |
| Abstract: | The Las Vegas Art Museum Records (1952-2009) contain annual reports, income statements, board meeting agendas and minutes, postcards, event invitations, press releases, and an extensive series of local newspapers and magazines. Also included are photographs, recorded radio interviews on CD, and video recordings. |

Preferred Citation

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Historical Background

The Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM) started as the Las Vegas Art League. Lucile Bruner, Vivian Woods, and Helen Wooley Willis founded the League in 1950 to bring fine art to Las Vegas, Nevada. The League held meetings, offered instructional art classes, created exhibitions and contests, and provided a network through which artists and art collectors could buy and sell art. In 1967 the City of Las Vegas bought the Twin Lodge Resort and renamed it Lorenzi Park. The Las Vegas Art League rented one of the old Lodge buildings to create a permanent space for art education and exhibitions.

In 1974 the Las Vegas Art League was renamed and incorporated as the Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM), the first fine art museum in Southern Nevada. LVAM continued to operate out of the Lorenzi Park buildings until 1995 when the City of Las Vegas terminated their lease to expand the Derfelt Senior Center's facilities. The museum's collections were temporarily loaned to the West Charleston campus of the Community College of Southern Nevada until 1997. At that time, the Las Vegas Art Museum moved into the Sahara

West Library/Fine Arts Museum. LVAM operated out of this location until 2009 when it was forced to close due to lack of funding. A majority of the collection is now housed at the Marjorie Barrick Museum on the campus of the University of Nevada, Las Vegas.

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Scope and Contents Note

The Las Vegas Art Museum Records (1952-2009) span the history of the Las Vegas Art Museum (LVAM) in Las Vegas, Nevada from its start as the Las Vegas Art League in the 1950s until it closed in 2009. The collection contains materials related to its business functions and museum publicity. Business records include annual reports, income statements, board meeting agendas and minutes, and materials related to planning the museum's future growth and expansion. The bulk of the collection is dedicated to museum publicity, including promotional postcards, event invitations, press releases, and an extensive series of local newspapers and magazines containing articles about the museum and its exhibitions. The collection also includes photographs, recorded radio interviews on CD, and video recordings of museum events and display materials.

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Arrangement

Materials are arranged in rough chronological order.

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Administrative Information

Access Note

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Note

Materials were donated in 2009 by the Las Vegas Art Museum via Anne Kellogg; accession number 2009-04.

Appraisal Note

Duplicate publications of magazines in this acquisition that already exist in the Special Collections Periodicals and in the Architectural Library Periodicals have been removed from this collection.

Processing Note

Materials were processed by Special Collections Staff. In 2015, as part of a legacy finding aid conversion project, Franklin Howard brought the collection into compliance with current professional standards. In 2017 Joyce Moore edited and updated content description and published Archives Space finding aid.

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Related Materials

Related Collections

The following resources may provide additional information related to the materials in this collection:

Las Vegas Art League Scrapbooks, 1966-1967. MS-00185. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

Las Vegas Contemporary Arts Center Records, 1985-2012. MS-00643. Special Collections, University Libraries, University of Nevada, Las Vegas. Las Vegas, Nevada.

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Names and Subjects

- Art, Modern -- American
- Arts and Humanities -- Las Vegas
- Art -- Nevada -- Las Vegas

Collection Inventory

| Title/Description | Containers |
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| Las Vegas Art League and Las Vegas Art Museum business records: meeting minutes, member lists, reports, income statements, employee disputes, press releases, newsletters, fiscal planning materials, Las Vegas Art Museum Foundation, Relocation Capital Campaign, correspondence, 1952-2007 | box 01 |
| Newspaper and magazine clippings, 1953-2008 | box 01 and 02 |
| Honors and Awards, 1987-2007 | box 03 |
| Publicity and informational materials, 1999-2007 | box 03 |
| Exhibit catalogs and promotional material, 1990-2008 | box 03 |
| Members and volunteers, 2000-2006 | box 03 |
| Photographic negatives, undated Physical Description: 35 Photographic Negatives | box 03 |
| Slides, undated Physical Description: 35 Photographic Slides | box 03 |
| "Adventures in a Temperate Climate" a book by Martin Mull, 2006 | box 03 |
| Event invitations, 2006-2008 | box 03 |
| Video recordings of museum exhibits, exhibit installations, display materials, 2001-2002 Physical Description: 5 VHS Tapes Physical Description: 1 Betacam | box 03 |
| Audio/visual recordings of radio interviews on KNPR, 2005-2009 Physical Description: 14 Optical Discs | box 03 |
| T-shirts, undated | box 03 |
| Exhibit postcards, 2004-2008 | box 04 |
| Las Vegas Art Museum, newsletter, 2006-2008 | box 04 |
| VURB, City Living in the New West, 2006-2007 | box 04 |
| BLVDS Las Vegas, 2007 | box 04 |
| Forum, an American Institute of Architecture publication, 2007 February | box 04 |
| Luxury Las Vegas, 2006 October, 2007 February | box 04 |
| Las Vegas Home and Design, 2007 June | box 04 |
| Gallery Guides, 2006-2007 | box 04 |
| Magazine articles, 2006-2008 | box 04 |