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**THE LYNCHBURG FEDERAL ART GALLERY PAPERS**

The collection includes minutes of meetings, notices about exhibits, newspaper clippings, and other items. The Lynchburg Federal Art Gallery was established in 1936 by the Virginia Art Project, Works Progress Administration and was supported locally by the Lynchburg Art Alliance.

**LYNCHBURG FEDERAL ART GALLERY**

The Lynchburg Federal Art Gallery opened in October 1936. The movement to establish this art center for the training of local artists was supported by the Lynchburg Civic Art League, the Lynchburg Art Club, Lynchburg College, and Randolph-Macon Woman's College. The original proposal called for the hiring of ten instructors to teach fine arts and commercial arts. With the approval of the city council, the gallery opened at 506-508 Main Street, in a building donated by Stephen P. Halsey. In 1937, the Gallery was moved to Peakland School on Oak Lane, where it remained until it was closed ca. 1942. At one time, the Lynchburg Federal Art Gallery was the largest unit of the federal art project in Virginia.

[The Lynchburg Federal Art Gallery Papers, Mss., MS2078, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]

**LYNCHBURG ART ALLIANCE**

The Lynchburg Art Alliance was formed for the purpose of creating a permanent art center for the city with the aid of the Virginia Art Project of the Works Progress Administration. Among its other goals, the Alliance sought to establish an art center and gallery, the establish permanent collections in the city, to promote local art talent, and to establish a society of artists in Art, Drama, Music, History, and Civics.

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