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## Finding Aid - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio (KAGS) fonds (23-008)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Trent University Archives
<b>Title:</b>	Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio (KAGS) fonds
<b>Reference code:</b>	23-008
<b>Date:</b>	1990-2020 (creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	67 cm of textual records 4 photo albums (approx. 450 photographs) 11 scrapbooks

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

The Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio (KAGS), founded by Dorothy Martin, was a not-for-profit artist collective located in Peterborough, established in June 1990 in the basement of the Peterborough Public Library's De La Fosse branch. Some of the well-known, founding members include George Elliot, Poul Thrane, Ann Cossar, John Norton, and Neil Broadfoot. For a \$25 membership fee, they offered the opportunity for artists to access to exhibition space with a hanging fee and no commission on sales, individual painting space, storage space for materials and unfinished work, and use of worktables, easels, work areas, kitchen and washroom facilities. They showcased demonstrations during exhibitions, held workshops for young children and adults, and hosted various art events and contests. They aimed to bring together local artists, both professional and aspiring, to support the growth of arts and culture in the surrounding area.

### Custodial history

The collection was originally cared for by the archivist of KAGS, and when the material was dispersed in the early 2020s, it was re-collected by Beth Popham and donated to the Trent University Archives.

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## Scope and content

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The fonds consists of records from the Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio, including administrative files and meeting minutes, artist biographies, newspaper articles, material from art shows and events, correspondence, newsletters, and photographs and scrapbooks. Events include the Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio 20th anniversary show, general studio workshops, and the best of high school art annual show. The fonds is organized into 6 series: Administrative files and meeting minutes; Member artists' files; Shows, Events and studios; Photo albums; and Scrapbooks.

## Notes

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### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated by Beth Popham and Studio 201 to the Trent University Archives in July 2023.

### Arrangement

Material was removed from binders and rearranged into series.

### Restrictions on access

None.

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Textual records (documentary form)
  - Photographs (documentary form)
  - Scrapbooks (documentary form)
  - Arts (subject)
  - Visual Arts (subject)
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## Series descriptions

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### Series 1: Administrative files and meeting minutes

Date: 1990-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of administrative files and meeting minutes, including financial statements, correspondence, notes, membership lists, newsletters, and KAGS library related materials such as expense reports, cataloging documentation, general reports, rules and procedures, and donation collections lists.

Physical description: 26 cm of textual records

Arrangement: Material was removed from original binders, placed into folders, and organized chronologically by year.

Publication status:

Published

<b>File / item list</b>			
Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
23-008/001(01)	<b>File - KAGS archives: includes description of KAGS Archive by Elaine Goselin and For the Record: A Guide to Archive Management, by Jim Aikens</b>	1976	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(02)	<b>File - KAGS library</b>	1992-1996	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(03)	<b>File - Accounts</b>	1993-1994	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(04)	<b>File - Accounts</b>	1995-1997	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(05)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1990-1991	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(06)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1992	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(07)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1993	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(08)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1994-1995	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(09)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1996-1997	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(10)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1998	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(11)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	1999-2000	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(12)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2001	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(13)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2002	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(14)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2003	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(15)	<b>File - Executive Committee</b>	2004	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(16)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2005	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(17)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2005	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(18)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2006	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(19)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2007	1 folder of textual records
23-008/001(20)	<b>File - Executive minutes</b>	2008	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(01)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 3)</b>	2009-2010	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(02)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 3)</b>	2009-2010	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(03)	<b>File - Executive minutes (3 of 3)</b>	2009-2010	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(04)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2011	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(05)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2011	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(06)	<b>File - Executive Committee (1 of 3)</b>	2012	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(07)	<b>File - Executive Committee (2 of 3)</b>	2012	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(08)	<b>File - Executive Committee (3 of 3)</b>	2012	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(09)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2013	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(10)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2013	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(11)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2014	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(12)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2014	1 folder of textual records

23-008/002(13)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2015	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(14)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2015	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(15)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2016	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(16)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2016	1 folder of textual records
23-008/002(17)	<b>File - Executive committee (1 of 2)</b>	2017	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(01)	<b>File - Executive committee (2 of 2)</b>	2017	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(02)	<b>File - Executive minutes (1 of 2)</b>	2018	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(03)	<b>File - Executive minutes (2 of 2)</b>	2018	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(04)	<b>File - Board of Directors (1 of 2)</b>	2019	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(05)	<b>File - Board of Directors (2 of 2)</b>	2019	1 folder of textual records

## Series 2: Shows, events and studios

Date: 1992-2016 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of material related to shows, events and studio workshops operated by the Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio, including the best of high school annual art show and the 20th anniversary show. The best of high school annual art show started in 1991 after KAGS held life drawing classes for grade 12 students at PCVS. It now receives entries from schools throughout the Kawartha Pine Ridge School District and offers prizes, scholarships and awards to participants. Awards and scholarships include Rose Barker awards, Autumn Treasures scholarships, the Victoria Art Supply award, the Bessie Oliver award, and donor sponsored awards from the Retired Teachers of Ontario, Geneen Eyre, Nancy's Art Gallery and Frame Studio, KAGS outdoor painters' subgroup, and Gary Seymour.

The 20th anniversary show highlights a detailed timeline of the Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio history, from 1991 to 2010. Materials include programs, guest lists, advertisements and brochures, awards and scholarships, event and workshop procedures, and correspondence.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Arrangement: Some material was removed from original binders and placed into folders, organized chronologically by year.

Publication status:

Published

### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
23-008/003(06)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio guest book</b>	1992-1993	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(07)	<b>File - The best of high school annual art show</b>	2006-2016	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(08)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio 20th anniversary show (1 of 2)</b>	2010	1 folder of textual records

23-008/003(09)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio 20th anniversary show (2 of 2)</b>	2010	1 folder of textual records
23-008/003(10)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio workshops (1 of 2)</b>	2012-2013	1 folder of textual records
23-008/004(01)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio workshops (2 of 2)</b>	2012-2013	1 folder of textual records

### Series 3: Member artists' files

Date: ca. 2000-2012 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of member artists' biographies, showcasing details of their lives and photographs of their artwork. Member Artists include Lynne Arbic, Debra Bannister, Chris Barker, Peter Barron, Neil Broadfoot, Robert Carter, Mary Diane Collins, Dorothy Conlin, Elaine Goselin, V. Gail Hawkins, Lucie Lemieux Wilson, Brian Ling, Agnes Oughtred, Barry Parsons, Linda Patterson, Vera Penrose, William Punt, Marylou Stickland, Nan Sidler, Nancy Simmons Smith, Olga Szaranski, Jaan Teng, Evelyn Van Hoekelen, and Emil Varga. Additionally included is the City of Peterborough Waste Reduction and Conservation calendar which showcases local artists' and members' artwork.

Physical description: 7 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

#### File / item list

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
23-008/004(02)	<b>File - Member artists biographical pages</b>	ca. 2000-2012	1 folder of textual records
23-008/004(03)	<b>File - City of Peterborough Waste Reduction and Conservation calendar [pictures by local artists and members]</b>	2005	1 folder of textual records

### Series 5: Scrapbooks

Date: 1990-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of various scrapbooks showcasing KAGS related material, including newspaper articles advertising art exhibitions and workshops, photographs of staff holiday gatherings, newspaper articles on local artists such as Theresa Harman, Joan Carlen, Majorie Gorman, Doug Andrews, Doris Clark, Dorothy Martin, Jo-Anne Connell Northey, Richard Northey, Edna Stephens, and Sharon Taylor, as well as event collaborations with The Photographic Print Group of Peterborough, and thank-you notes and comments from guests and artists.

Physical description: 11 scrapbooks  
13.5 cm of textual records

Access points:

- Textual records (documentary form)

- Scrapbooks (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
23-008/005(01)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	1990-1999	1 scrapbook
23-008/005(02)	<b>File - KAGS album – posters and clippings</b>	2000-2002	1 scrapbook
23-008/005(03)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2003-2005	1 scrapbook
23-008/005(04)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2005-2006	1 scrapbook
23-008/005(05)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2007-2008	1 scrapbook
23-008/005(06)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2008-2010	1 scrapbook
23-008/006(01)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2010-2011	1 scrapbook
23-008/006(02)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2011-2013	1 scrapbook
23-008/006(03)	<b>File - KAGS Archives scrapbook</b>	2013-2015	1 scrapbook
23-008/006(04)	<b>File - KAGS album – posters and clippings</b>	2015-2017	1 scrapbook
23-008/006(05)	<b>File - KAGS album – posters and clippings</b>	2018-2019	1 scrapbook

**Series 4: Photo albums**Date: 1990-2019 (creation)

Scope and content: Series consists of 4 photo albums that document various events, including artists and their art exhibits, guests, staff and volunteer holiday events, list of KAGS members, event and studio set-up, and exhibition demonstrations. Most locations, events and people are identified on the backside of the photographs.

Identified people include Joyce Armstrong, Mary Harris, Marilyn Simpson, Bobby Rowland-Patterson, Sharon Taylor, Neil Broadfoot, Nancy Simmons-Smith, Vic Warren, Gerry Goselin, Lucy Manley, Lucie Lemieux-Wilson, Margaree Edwards, Gordon Berry, Ann Cossar, Doris Gardener, Neil Hill, Barry Parsons, Vera Penrose, Betty Gray, Mori Blue, Martin Parker, Al Poolman, Pam Barclay, Lorraine Ryan, Olga Szaranski, Don Fraser, Sheila Stanley, Wendy Wallace, Doris Hope, Lili Swanson, Beverly Goselin, Eleanor Cunningham, Ruth White, and David Baker.

Physical description: 4 photo albums (approx. 450 photographs)  
13.5 cm of photograph records

Access points:

- Photographs (documentary form)

Publication status:

Published

**File / item list**

Reference code	Title	Dates	Physical description
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23-008/004(04)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio Archives photo album</b>	1990-2006	1 photo album
23-008/005(07)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio poster photo album</b>	1990-2010	1 photo album
23-008/004(06)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio Archives photo album</b>	2007-2013	1 photo album
23-008/006(06)	<b>File - Kawartha Artists Gallery and Studio Outdoor Painters album</b>	2008	1 photo album