

Records of Reading Guild of Artists, 1930-2007.
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[Reading Guild of Artists was founded in 1930 "to create a common bond of union between the practising Artists and Craft workers of the district". Annual exhibitions of members' work were held, and a programme of events such as lectures and demonstrations. Originally the Guild had strong links with Reading University School of Art. The Record Office library holds a copy of Eric V Watson's *A History of the Reading Guild of Artists 1930-1980*.]

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1 **Council and committee minutes**

1/1	Minutes of Council meetings, March 1930-April 1934. (Includes minutes of meeting of persons interested in art and with object of forming a "society for the exhibition of works of art", March 1930; of meetings of selection committee [for annual exhibition], 1930, 1933; and of annual general meetings, 1930-1934; rules, 1930; and press cuttings, annual reports and annual statements of accounts, 1930-1933.)	1 vol	1930-1934
1/2	Minutes of Council meetings, July 1934-January 1936. (Includes minutes of annual general meeting, 1935.)	1 vol	1934-1936
1/3	Minutes of Council meetings, February 1936-November 1947. (Includes notes on selection days [for exhibitions], October 1936, May 1947.)	1 vol	1936-1947
1/4	Minutes of Council meetings, January 1948-January 1955.	1 vol	1948-1955
1/5	Minutes of Council meetings, March 1955-March 1958.	1 bdl	1955-1958
1/6/1-55	Minutes of Council meetings, June 1958-October 1966. (Includes minutes of selection committee, April 1959.)	1 bdl	1958-1966
1/7	Minutes of Council meetings, February 1967-April 1975.	1 bdl	1967-1975
1/8	Minutes of Executive Council meetings, June 1975-December 1982.	1 bdl	1975-1982
1/9	Minutes of Executive Council meetings, January 1983-March 1989.	1 bdl	1983-1989
1/10	Minutes of Executive Council meetings, June 1989-January 1998.	1 bdl	1989-1998
1/11	Minutes of history sub-committee meeting, September 1978.	1 doc	1978
1/12/1-2	Minutes of meeting of 50th anniversary sub-committee, January 1980.	1 bdl	1980
1/13	Executive Council minutes, January 1998-December 2001 (some signed).	1 bdl	1998-2001
1/14	Executive Council minutes, April 2002-October 2007 (unsigned).	1 bdl	2002-2007

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Council and committee minutes

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Minutes (unsigned) of the sub-committee for the 75th anniversary retrospective exhibition, February 2002-September 2004, and correspondence, 2003-2005.

1 bdl

2002-2005

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2 **Annual general meetings**

2/1	Minutes of annual general meetings, 1930-1942, 1946-1957. (Includes minutes of extraordinary or special general meetings, 1942, 1946, 1956; and annual reports and statements of accounts 1951-1954.) [No annual general meetings held 1943-1945.]	1 vol	1930-1957
2/2/1-2	Minutes of annual general meeting.	1 bdl	1958
2/3	Minutes of annual general meetings, 1955-1956 (duplicates), 1959-1967, 1969-1997. (Includes minutes of extraordinary general meeting, October 1956; annual reports and statements of accounts, 1956-1957, 1959-1961, 1963, 1967-1976, 1978-1985, 1988-1997; and agenda for annual general meeting, 1998.)	1 bdl	1955-1998
2/4	Annual general meeting attendance book, 1936-1942, 1946-1969. (Includes, at back, minutes of annual general meeting, [1957] (duplicate).)	1 vol	1936-1969
2/5	Annual general meeting minutes (unsigned), 1999-2007. (Includes annual reports and statements of accounts, 1998-2006.)	1 bdl	1999-2007

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3 **Annual reports**

3/1/1-30	Annual reports and statements of accounts, 1933-1961. (No statement of accounts, 1933.)	1 bdl	1934-1962
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4	Newsletters		
4/1	Newsletters, April 1978-September 1988 (nos. 1-37).	1 bdl	1978-1988
4/2	Newsletters, December 1988-June 1989 (nos. 38-40).	1 bdl	1988-1989
4/3	Newsletters, September 1989-December 1992 (nos. 41-54).	1 bdl	1989-1992
4/4	Newsletters, March 1993-March 1994 (nos. 55-59).	1 bdl	1993-1994
4/5	Newsletters, June 1994-December 1997 (new series nos. 1-15).	1 bdl	1994-1997
4/6	Newsletters, spring 1998-winter 2000.	1 bdl	1998-2000
4/7/1-3	Newsletters, spring, summer and winter 2001. (Autumn issue missing.)	1 bdl	2001
4/8/1-9	Newsletters, spring 2002-summer 2004. (Autumn issue missing or never produced, 2003.)	1 bdl	2002-2004
4/9/1-7	Newsletters, winter 2004/5 – winter 2006/7. (Three issues per year.)	1 bdl	2004-2006

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5 **Catalogues**

5/1/1-9	Catalogues of annual exhibitions. [No exhibition was held in 1939, as the date changed from autumn 1938 to spring 1940.]	1 bdl	1930-1938
5/2/1-10	Catalogues of annual exhibitions.	1 bdl	1940-1949
5/3/1-10	Catalogues of annual exhibitions.	1 bdl	1950-1959
5/4/1-10	Catalogues of annual exhibitions.	1 bdl	1960-1969
5/5/1-10	Catalogues of annual exhibitions.	1 bdl	1970-1979
5/6/1-10	Catalogues of annual exhibitions.	1 bdl	1980-1989
5/7/1-17	Catalogues of annual and special members' exhibitions, 1990-2000/2001.	1 bdl	1990-2000
5/8/1-6	Catalogues of annual exhibitions. (Catalogue of 75th annual exhibition missing. The 74th exhibition was held in January-February 2005, and the 76th in January-February 2006. The number may have been omitted to take account of the special 75th anniversary exhibition, <i>Then and Now</i> .)	1 bdl	2002-2007
5/9	Leaflet (catalogue) listing works displaying in 75 th anniversary <i>Then and Now</i> exhibition.	1 doc	2005

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6	Press cuttings		
6/1	Scrapbook of press cuttings.	1 bdl	1930-1946
6/2/1-67	Press cuttings.	1 bdl	1952-1975
6/3	Scrapbook of press cuttings. (Includes photographs of 50th anniversary dinner, 1979.)	1 vol	1968-1979
6/4/1-24	Press cuttings.	1 bdl	1995-2000
6/5	Press cutting from the <i>Reading Chronicle</i> , 8 June 1979 (review of annual exhibition).	1 doc	1979
6/6/1-7	Press cuttings.	1 bdl	1995-2005
6/7/1-2	Press cuttings.	1 bdl	2006

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7	Publicity material		
7/1	Posters for exhibitions, 1983-1985, 1989-1992, 1994-2000/1.	1 bdl	1983-2000
7/2/1-37	Press releases.	1 bdl	1970-1983
7/3/1-4	Posters for exhibitions.	1 bdl	1993-1994
7/4/1-7	Handbills advertising exhibitions, 2000-2002, 2005.	1 bdl	2000-2005
7/5/1-3	Handbills advertising exhibitions.	1 bdl	2006-2007
7/6/1-3	Invitations to private views of exhibitions.	1 bdl	1991-1992
7/7	Copies of press releases (incomplete).	1 bdl	1994-2005

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8	Correspondence		
8/1/1-59	Correspondence. (Relates mainly to disputes over membership and exhibition policy. Includes letter from John Piper, declining invitation to open exhibition, 1946, and letter from Gilbert Spencer accepting honorary membership, n.d..)	1 bdl	1935-1947
8/2/1-68	Correspondence, 1950-1961, 1967-1968, 1975-1976. (Includes letter from Francis Acquaye, art student from the Gold Coast [Ghana] seeking advice, 1951 [Acquaye had competed in athletic events in Reading and was interested in "imaginative painting" inspired by local traditions]; correspondence and plan relating to Guild's renting of a room at the Everyman Theatre, 31a London Street, Reading (painted in "a rather vile shade of green").	1 bdl	1950-1976
8/3	Correspondence.	1 bdl	1979-1983 Closed until 2014
8/4	Correspondence.	1 bdl	1984-1986 Closed until 2017
8/5	Correspondence.	1 bdl	1986-1991 Closed until 2022
8/6/1-21	Correspondence, 1988, 1993-1997.	1 bdl	1988-1997 Closed until 2028
8/7	Correspondence of Programme Secretary (with potential speakers/demonstrators etc.).	1 bdl	1977-1982
8/8	Correspondence of Exhibition Secretary.	1 bdl	1967-1986
8/9	Correspondence of Exhibition Secretary, 1993-1994, 1998-2001.	1 bdl	1993-2001
8/10	Correspondence concerning a proposed exchange of exhibitions with Spektrum, an amateur art club in Düsseldorf, Germany, intended to be held in 1986 but cancelled at the last minute.	1 bdl	1984-1986
8/11	General correspondence.	1 bdl	1994-2005 Closed until 2036

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8 **Correspondence**

8/12	Correspondence of Frank Vincent, chairman of the Guild.	1 bdl	1992-1997 Closed until 2028
8/13	Letter proposing the amalgamation of Reading Guild of Artists with Henley Arts & Crafts Guild, with notes on discussions concerning the proposal.	1 bdl	2003 Closed until 2034
8/14	Correspondence relating to painting sessions and classes run by the Guild. (Contains no confidential material.)	1 bdl	2003-2004
8/15	Correspondence and papers relating to membership and the procedure of upgrading from associate or affiliate to full membership. (Includes lists of members, 2003, 2005.)	1 bdl	1999-2005 Closed until 2036

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9 Miscellaneous			
9/1/1-6	Rules and constitutions.	1 bdl	[1930]-1991
9/2/1-3	Notes on membership.	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1930-1934]
9/3	Notice of admission to membership of Miss E.M. Skrimshire (first Secretary of the Guild).	1 doc	1930
9/4	Programme of Slough Arts Festival.	1 doc	1950
9/5/1-5	Illustrated catalogues of exhibitions by artists with connections to Reading Guild of Artists. (William Rothenstein Memorial Exhibition at the Tate Gallery, London, 1950; Gilbert Spencer retrospective at Reading Museum and Art Gallery, 1964; Robert Gillmor at Reading Museum and Art Gallery, 1971; and exhibitions of animal and bird paintings by Allen W. Seaby at the Wildlife Art Gallery, Lavenham, Suffolk, 1998, 1999.)	1 bdl	1950-1999
9/6/1-5	Report on a meeting to discuss the formation of a Federation of South Eastern Art Societies.	1 bdl	1952
9/7	Reading and District directory of local societies, issued by Reading Technical College.	1 doc	1956
9/8	Members' address book.	1 vol	c.1958-1959
9/9	Negative of diploma presented to winner of annual Marie Dyson award.	1 doc	n.d. [1967]
9/10/1-89	Papers relating to preparation and publication of a history of the Guild.	1 bdl	1971-1981
9/11/1-19	Outline of duties of Guild officers.	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1970s]-1991
9/12/1-4	Copies of photographs of Guild events.	1 bdl	1996
9/13	Daler-Rowney Art Club Challenge Palate awarded to Reading Guild of Artists, 1996.	1 item	1996
9/14	Rules.	1 doc	1971
9/15	Constitution.	1 doc	1998

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9 **Miscellaneous**

9/16	Invitation to private view of exhibition of work by Thelma Adams, Pat Clarke, Edith Koessler and Beryl Rait in Henley upon Thames, Oxfordshire, with photograph of the artists.	1 doc	1974
9/17/1-36	Photographs of Guild events.	1 bdl	1975-1992
9/18/1-105	Photographs of Guild events.	1 bdl	1994-2004
9/19/1-3	Photographs of [private view] of 75th anniversary exhibition, 28 April 2005. (Includes CD of digital images, set of thumbnail prints, and large print of photograph of Elizabeth Heydeman (chairman of Guild), Sir William Benyon, Robert Stoddard (vice-chairman), [Richard] Stainthorpe, mayor of Reading, and Robert Gillmor.)	1 bdl	2005
9/20	Register of sales of pictures at exhibitions. (Includes title of work, name of artist, price and amount paid, and name and address of purchaser.)	1 vol	1983-2000 Closed until 2031
9/21	Receipt book: subscriptions, payments for pictures, and record of payments to artists.	1 vol	2001-2003 Closed until 2034
9/22/1-3	Programmes of events, September 1998-February 1999, and January-July and September-December 2002.	1 bdl	1998-2002
9/23	Catalogue for <i>Millennium Drawing</i> , an exhibition of art and photography by members of the South Tipperary Art Club of Clonmel, Ireland; BBK Düsseldorf; Phos Düsseldorf; Reading Guild of Artists; the Kennet Camera Club; Millennium Dawning in San Francisco Libre; and schoolchildren from Reading and Clonmel.	1 doc	2000
9/24/1-3	List of paintings entered for <i>Landscape through the Seasons</i> exhibition.	1 bdl	2000
9/25/1-10	Historical notes [written in connection with the preparation of D/EX 1656/9/26].	1 bdl	2005
9/26	<i>Then and Now: Celebrating seventy-five years of the Reading Guild of Artists, 1930-2005.</i> (History of the Guild with colour reproductions of members' work. Published with support from the Englefield Charitable Trust and the Friends of Reading Museums.)	1 vol	2005

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9 **Miscellaneous**

9/27/1-96	Photographs of paintings displayed in the <i>Then and Now</i> 75 th anniversary exhibition or published in the <i>Then and Now</i> book, with biographical notes of artists. [The pictures should not be reproduced without securing permission from the copyright holder.]	1 bdl	2005
9/28	Duties of Guild officers.	1 bdl	n.d. [c.1991]
9/29	Text of talk by Frank Vincent on the history of the Guild, presented at the Museum of Reading as part of its 'Exploration' series.	1 bdl	1995
9/30	<i>The Art Paper: The Daler-Rowney Newspaper for Artists</i> , summer 1996. (Includes report of the Guild winning Daler-Rowney's first annual Art Club Challenge Palette.)	1 doc	1996
9/31	Programme of events, February-July 2000.	1 doc	2000
9/32	Information sheet concerning submissions of work for an exhibition ('Corridor Exhibition no. 4') at the Royal Berkshire and Battle Hospital, Reading.	1 doc	2004
9/33	Mission statement of Guild. (Printed from Guild website.)	1 doc	2005