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**LYNCHBURG FINE ARTS CENTER PAPERS**

The collection contains programs for shows and exhibits held at the Lynchburg Art Center and the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center, with newspaper clippings about both.

**FOLDER 1** Lynchburg Art Center (1953-1958) (Newspaper clippings)

**FOLDER 2** Lynchburg Fine Arts Center (Newspaper clippings, correspondence, annual report)

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**LYNCHBURG ART CENTER**

The Lynchburg Art Center was organized in 1953 for the purpose of the "encouragement, development and advancement of the study and appreciation of art." Providing artists with a place to work and "substantial support," the Center was located at 1013 Church Street, Lynchburg, Virginia. In 1957, the Center took an option on two acres of land owned by the Lynchburg Hospital Authority, "with the hope of erecting a...building to house a gallery, studios and other art facilities." The idea was expanded to include theater and music as well. Additional land was purchased in 1958 and the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center was built. The Lynchburg Art Center became the Art Wing of the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center.

**LYNCHBURG FINE ARTS CENTER**

The Lynchburg Fine Arts Center began as an outgrowth of the Lynchburg Art Center. The original plan for the Center called for an art gallery, art studios and classrooms and a meeting room. In looking at the new building, the directors of the Art Center realized that "something more than just a new art center was needed in Lynchburg." The Little Theatre and the Civic Music Club were invited to unite in a joint venture to create the Lynchburg Fine Arts Center. The new facility to house the Fine Arts Center was opened in 1962.

[Lynchburg Fine Arts Center Papers, Mss., MS2090, Jones Memorial Library, Lynchburg, VA.]