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**ALOHA CLUB, records, 4 l.f, 1892-1997**

**Abstract:** The Aloha Club was organized as a study club in 1892 by the wives of eastern business men who had come west. The women wanted a place to apply their interest and talents, which were limited in the new state.

**Background:** The Aloha Club was organized as a study group in 1892. The charter members were the wives of eastern businessmen who had come west for work. The women wanted an organization where they could apply their interests in the world and their talents. The club met twice a month to discuss current art and civic interest papers written by the members. In 1899 the club decided to bring art to the public schools of Tacoma. They began to purchase reproductions of the old masters and circulated them through the schools along with information about the artist. In 1948 the Aloha club decided it would begin purchasing original works from promising and prominent Northwest artists. The collection still grows today and is housed at the Tacoma Art Museum. The name, Aloha, was chosen for its meaning of friendship and hospitality and the club motto is “growing thought makes growing revelation” by George Elliot. Today the club is still committed to promoting the cultural life of the community.

**Scope and Content:** The records consist of meeting minutes, 1898-1997; committee reports, 1930-1993; financial records, 1902-1959; club histories, 1896-1992; correspondence; programs, 1920-1995; poetry; reports; yearbooks 1892-1990; scrapbooks 1912-1967.

**Inclusive dates:** 1892-1997

**Restrictions:** None

**Volume:**

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6	Famous paintings around the world presentation, 1960
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8	Report on the "Virgin of Lujun"
9	Reports on regions and religion of Southeast Asia Khmer, Bangkok, Banteai Srei, Hinduism
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15	Miscellaneous newspaper clippings, 1922- 1991
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