

Prospect Park Study Club Collection

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Summary Information

Repository	James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library
Creator	Prospect Park Study Club. (Minneapolis, Minn.)
Title	Prospect Park Study Club Collection
Date	1896-2015
Extent	3.25 Linear feet
Language	English

History

The Prospect Park Study Club (PPSC) was founded in 1896. The club was in the tradition of many other Federation of Women's Clubs—a study club. The club selected topics of an academic nature and or current interest topic for prepared programs given by their members to the club membership. The members faithfully documented their club's history. The scrapbooks reflect a strong interest in the Prospect Park neighborhood including its residents and the neighborhood's history.

Description of Collection

Eight boxes of materials include programs, constitutions, correspondence, clippings, secretary's minutes, treasure's ledger, topical papers, and scrapbooks from 1901 to 2015. The programs list the various topics studied over the years and range from studying the political conditions in Europe (a program in 1901) to the various races that made up the population of the United States (a program in 1933) to the history of immigration policies (a program in 2000). The scrapbooks cover not only club events and its members but also the Prospect Park neighborhood, its history, residents, and events. Scrapbooks include mostly correspondence and newspaper clippings. The PPSC was a member of the 5th District of the Minnesota Federation of Women's Clubs.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

James K. Hosmer Special Collections Library 2001

Revision Description

Revised and added to AT by Ian Stade. New materials added in February and December of 2015. September 2008, February 2015, December 2015

Controlled Access Headings

Subject(s)

- Clubs -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis.
- Women -- Minnesota -- Minneapolis -- Societies and clubs.

Annual Programs

Collection Inventory

	Box	Folder
History of Club & Clippings 1930-1942, undated	1	1
Constitutions 1896, 1956, 1967, 1980, 1992	1	2
Scope and Contents note		
Constitutions include those dated 1896, 1956, 1967, 1980, 1992, 2007 and an undated version.		
Program voting	1	3
Working papers of 1980 revision of 1967 constitution	1	4
Christmas songbooks	1	5
Correspondence, cards, etc 1955-2000	1	6
Book: Treasures book 1910-1995	1	7
Annual Programs		
	Box	Folder
Programs 1901-1919	2	1

Secretary's Books

Programs 1920-1938	2	2
Programs 1938-1954	2	3
Programs 1955-1970	2	4
Programs 1980-2001	2	5
	Box	Folder
Directories, <i>Minnesota Club Woman</i> 1958-1960	2	5
Directories, <i>5 th District, MN Federation of Women's Club</i> 1955-1960	2	5
Program, MN Federation of Women's Club 1957	2	5
Secretary's Books		
		Box
Secretary's book 1929-1950		4
Secretary's book 1929-1935		5
Secretary's book 1935-1944		5
Secretary's book 1944-1950		5
Topical Papers		

Topical Papers

Box **Folder**

Varied Topics 1998-2007

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include: "Annie Proulx," "Norwegian Humor," "George Luxton," and "The Norwegian Migration to America."

Africa and Comparative Religions 2008-2009

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include: "Political History of Uganda," "Aid to Africa: Problems and Possibilities," "Climate Change in Africa: Crisis or Opportunity?" "The Quaker Religion: Society of Friends," "Christianity and Islam in Africa," "Islam: Some History, Religion and Some Political Ramifications," Unitarian Universalism," "Atheism," and "Hinduism."

Local History 2009-2010

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include: "Our Neighbors to the South: Desnoyer Park," "The Legacy of Orlin Avenue Southeast," "Parkland in the Park: The Natural History of the Neighborhood," "The Great Freeway Fight," and "Churches in the Park."

Local History 2010

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Scope and Contents note

Topical Papers

Papers presented by members of the club include: "Some Prospect Park Notables," "A Life in Letters," and "Over One Hundred Years of Club History in Minutes"

Ancient and Modern Medicine 2010-2011

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include: "Polio: Living in Fear," "Food, Inc.," "The Potential of Stem Cells," "Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Fact, Fiction and the Great Unknown," and "Medicine and the Arts."

Women Inventors and Scientists 2011-2012

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include profiles of Barbara McClintock, Karan Hsiao Ashe, Grace Murray Hopper, Rosalind Franklin, Mothers of the Modern Brassiere, and Gertrude Belle Elion.

Art and Architecture 2012-2013

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include "Minnesota Impressionists" by Betty Jo Zander, "Wanda Gag: Artist, Writer, Illustrator, Feminist, Survivor" by Sally Sawyer, and "Small is Beautiful: The Tiny House Movement in Minnesota" by Rachel Ramadhyani

Art and Architecture 2012-2013

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Topical Papers

Scope and Contents note

Paper titled "The Architecture of Barns" by Study Club member Karen Murdock. File also includes a digital copy of the paper on CD.

Minnesota History 2013-2014

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include "The History of White Bear Lake" by Betts Zerby, "University Avenue: From Oxcarts to Light Rail" by Julia Wallace, "A Tale of Two Cities: The Short Life of the Meeker Island Lock and Dam" by Rachel Ramadhyani, "Mr. Mayor, Hubert H. Humphrey" by Julie C. Lund and Janet C. Lund, "How the Minnesota DFL Came to Be" by Mary Parish, and "Native Americans in Minnesota" by Kate Donahue

Minnesota's Environment 2014-2015

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Scope and Contents note

Papers presented by members of the club include "Mississippi River: Then and Now" by Kathie Simon Frank, "The Uncertain Future of Wild Rice in Minnesota" by Rachel Ramadhyani, "Urban Sprawl/Metro Growth" by Julia Wallace and "Frac Sand Mining in Minnesota" by Karen Murdock (a digital copy of this paper is also available on CD).

Box

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Yearbooks 1984-2016

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Scope and Contents note

Club Minutes

Printed yearbooks listing the club's officers, committees, programs and members.

Correspondence and Gifts 1968-2013	6	8
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Scope and Contents note

Program topics; donations made in memory of former Club members; thank you notes for the donations.

Louise Cragun 1996-2006	6	9
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Scope and Contents note

Remembrances and obituary for long-time club member Louise Cragun.

Club Minutes 2001-2005	Box	Folder
	6	10

Club Minutes 2005-2011	6	11
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Scrapbooks

Box

Scrapbook 1939-1971	3
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Scrapbook: Early History and Middle Years	3
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Scrapbook 1946-1953	3
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Scrapbook: Miscellaneous Clippings 1992-2008	7
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Scrapbooks**Scope and Contents note**

Spiral bound cardboard cover with 26 pages; 12 x 12.5 x .6. Clippings from neighborhood newspaper, the University of Minnesota Retirees Association Volunteer Center Newsletter and other sources regarding Prospect Park residents, architecture (including the Willey house designed by Frank Lloyd Wright, Ralph Rapson's home and the beloved Witch's Hat watertower), community buildings, and community social events. Coverage of artist resident in the neighborhood and music are included. Select Prospect Park Study Club events are represented in the clippings. Includes obituaries for these neighborhood residents: Vesta Bachelder; Geraldine Braden; Ralph Rapson

Controlled Access Headings**Personal Name(s)**

- Rapson, Ralph -- History

Scrapbook: Club and Neighborhood News 1986-2012

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Scope and Contents note

25 pages bound in brown vinyl cover; 14.5 x 12 x 1. Member biographies (1990), and photographs of Club events (with labels for each person in the picture) are found. Also included are coverage of the Pratt School Village Green and images and a book review for "Under the Witch's Hat: A Prospect Park East River Road History" along with the list of Prospect Park History Committee Members. Obituaries (listed in order of appearance) include: Winifred Woodward; Edith Horns; Virginia Cox; Jeannette Thomas Upton; Pauline Teeter; Cushman Minar; Elsie Wells; Naomi Liljeberg; Eugene Grimm; Leslie King; Anne Barnum; Signe Miller; Mary Christine Dolan Rapson; Howard Horns; Edna Bradbury Shove; Kerry Kelts; Shirlee Moore Myers; Cornelia C. Smith; Eunice B. Jackson; Catharine B. Bruce; Charlie Smith; Louise Chelsey Love; Elizabeth Erickson Minar; Magnus Olson; Maggie Moulton; and Norma Moe Olson. A Lane Cake recipe

Scrapbooks

provided by Kathy Franzen is provided. Note: title page of scrapbook includes start date of 1989. Obituaries from 1986 are also included.