

MJ-34

Moose Jaw Natural History Society fonds [textual record, graphic material]. - 1949, 1957-1994. - 82.50 cm of textual records, photographs and 783 slides.

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Variations in title

Nature Moose Jaw

Administrative history

The Moose Jaw Natural History Society was formed in 1957 by Rosalind Taylor. John Walker was the first president, Rosalind Taylor was vice-president and program convener, Muriel Walker was secretary-treasurer, and Kay Rankin was in charge of publicity. The first field trip was held on April 28, 1957. In the spring of 1958 it was decided at a meeting to set up a proper organization with a full executive and a fee charged to cover expenses, and to include the Saskatchewan Provincial membership and the Blue Jay Magazine (a journal of natural history and conservation for Saskatchewan and adjacent regions published by the Saskatchewan Natural History Society). At the November 15, 1958 meeting, a constitution was adopted, a full slate of officers was elected and the first membership fees were collected. By 1967 membership increased from 9 charter members to 125.

The purpose of the Society is to provide enjoyment and education for its members on topics such as birds, animals, plants, fossils and Indian relics, and to provide funds for worthwhile projects that help in the preservation of natural history.

The Society was active in many activities and presentations, especially those to encourage interest in nature and conservation among the young people. Members went on many early morning field trips. One of the aims of the Society is to conduct at least six field trips a year. They offered bird watching courses and flower identification classes. One popular annual event is the Christmas Bird Count. The purpose is to observe and accurately name as many species of birds as possible in one day during the Christmas holidays (Dec. 21st - Jan.1st). In Moose Jaw the event is usually held on Dec. 26th or 27th.

In 1993 the name of the Society changed to Nature Moose Jaw and the Provincial body to Nature Saskatchewan. The aims and activities of the organization remain unchanged.

Scope and content

This fonds consists of four series. Included is a copy of the constitution, membership lists, treasurers records, correspondence, schedules and reports of field trips and other activities. There is a scrapbook containing newspaper clippings, 3 photographs and some programs of activities of the Moose Jaw Natural History Society from 1957 to 1977, an album of nature photography that was presented to the Moose Jaw Public Library in 1982 to commemorate Moose Jaw's 100th anniversary, and a file of newspaper clippings. This

fonds also includes slides, some sets with scripts. Other slides are of nature and wildlife taken by members on field trips. There are copies of constitutions from three other Saskatchewan cities, a few newsletters from other Natural History Societies and four copies of "The Blue Jay Magazine".

Conservation note

This fonds was re-boxed and foldered in 2004.

Note of immediate source of acquisition

Accession number 34.BA donated to the Archives by the Moose Jaw Natural History Society in January 1994, March 1994, and July 1985.

Accruals

Probable.

Finding aids

See file list.

File List

MJ-34/1. - Society Business. - [textual record]. - 1957-1993. - 51.0 cm of textual records.
Boxes V-77 - V-79

This series consists of copies of the constitution, 1958 and 1980, membership lists, minutes of meetings, financial records and correspondence of the Moose Jaw Natural History Society from 1957 to 1993.

001 - Constitution 1958, 1980

002 - Membership Books (Dues paid) 1958-1977

003 - Membership Lists 1958-1992

004 - Meeting Attendance Register 1958-1973

005 - Minutes 1958-1961

006 - Minutes 1962-1963

007 - Minutes 1978-1992

008 - Treasurers' Notebooks 1958-1980

009 - Bank Account Passbooks 1959-1991

010 - Financial Statement and Receipts 1958

011 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1959

012 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1960

013 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1961

014 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1962

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026 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1974

027 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1975

028 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1976

029 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1977

030 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1978

- 031 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1979
- 032 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1980
- 033 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1981
- 034 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1982
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- 042 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1990
- 043 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1991
- 044 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1992
- 045 - Financial Statements and Receipts 1993
- 046 - Correspondence 1958-1979
- 047 - Correspondence 1980-1993

MJ-34/2. - Society Activities [textual record, graphic material]. - 1957-1994. - 21.8 cm of textual records and slides.

Boxes V-79, G-1 - G-4, H-13, OS-9

This series consists of schedules and reports of field trips taken to observe and identify birds, flowers and wildlife, a file of newspaper clippings, a scrapbook, and album of nature photography and 783 slides, some with scripts.

- 001 - Schedules of Field Trips, Programs and Activities 1958-1993

- 002 - Bird Watching Reports 1971-1983
- 003 - Field Trip Reports 1970-1983
- 004 - Field Trip Reports - Animals 1978-1981
- 005 - Field Trip Reports - Flowers 1976-1981
- 006 - Christmas Bird Count 1958-1962
- 007 - Newsletters, Moose Jaw Natural History Society 1970-1981
- 008 - Newsletters, Moose Jaw Natural History Society 1982 - May 1983
- 009 - Newsletters, Nature Moose Jaw Sept. 1993 - Jan. 1994
- 010 - Newspaper Clippings 1970-1992
- 011 - Album of Nature Photography 1982
- 012 - Scrapbook 1957-1977
- 013 - Script for slides "Wildflowers of the Prairies" (3 copies). (Slides File MJ-34/2.016).
- 014 - Script for slides "Resident and Migrant Birds of the Moose Jaw Area" (3 copies). (Slides File MJ-34/2.017).
- 015 - Script for slides of the slide show presented at the 20th Anniversary of the Society. (Slides and duplicates File MJ-34/2.018).
- 016 - Slides - "Wildflowers of the Prairies"(1 carousel). Script File MJ-34/2.013.
- 017 - Slides - "Resident and Migrant Birds of the Moose Jaw Area" (2 carousels). Script File MJ-34/2.014.
- 018 - Slides - Slide Show at 20th Anniversary Celebration (2 trays plus 1 tray of duplicates). Script File MJ-34/2.015.
- 019 - Slides - Miscellaneous - scenery, birds, wildlife. (11 plastic cases).
- MJ-34/3. - Saskatchewan Natural History Society [textual record]. - 1949, 1959-1985. - 9.00 cm of textual records.
Box V-80
This series consists of the business and activities of the Saskatchewan Natural History

Society of which the Moose Jaw Natural History Society is a member. Included is a copy of the constitution an information sheet on the Society, minutes of annual meetings and financial statements. There are some newsletters, copies of "The Blue Jay" journal, and booklists.

001 - Constitution, Minutes, Financial Statements (Incomplete) 1960-1983

002 - Activities, Agendas, Programs 1959-1985

003 - Newsletters, Saskatchewan Natural History Society 1970-1978

004 - Newsletters, Saskatchewan Natural History Society 1979-1984

005 - Newsletters, "The Blue Jays News", #63-#68 inclusive, 1983-1985

006 - Journals, "The Blue Jay", Sept. 1959, March 1966, June 1966, December 1966

007 - Booklists (Blue Jay Bookshop) 1970-1984

MJ-34/4. - Affiliate Societies [textual record]. - 1954-1991. - 0.75 cm of textual records.
Box V-80

This series consists of copies of the constitutions of the Natural History Societies of Regina, Saskatoon and Prince Albert. There are three copies of newsletters from the Regina Natural History Society and two newsletters from the Saskatchewan Breeding Bird Survey, sponsored by the Canadian Wildlife Service.

001 - Constitutions of Natural History Societies of Regina (1954), Saskatoon (undated) and Prince Albert (undated)

002 - Newsletters, Regina Natural History Society 1972, 1974, 1985

003 - Newsletters, Saskatchewan Breeding Bird Survey March 1990, March 1991