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Descriptive Summary

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Unit Date

1950-2013

Language

English .

Abstract

This collection contains the administrative and organizational records and scrapbooks of the Valley of Virginia Branch of the National League of American Pen Women. Materials related to procedural policies and bylaws, branch meeting minutes, newsletters, exhibitions and contests, branch members, photographs, and community women in the arts are included.

Creator

National League of American Pen Women. Valley of Virginia Branch

Extent

4.1 cubic feet 3 Hollinger boxes, 1 half-Hollinger box, 3 oversize Hollinger boxes, 2 flat oversize boxes

Repository

James Madison University Libraries Special Collections

Administrative Information

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Acquisition Information

Donated to James Madison University Special Collections by the Valley of Virginia Branch in October 2014.

Processing Information

Materials originally housed in binders were dis-bound and rehoused; scrapbooks received similar treatment. Scrapbook pages with written captions or complete glue failure were photocopied to preserve order and arrangement. Acid-free paper was interwoven between photograph pages to prevent acidification. Pages are numbered in brackets to preserve order.

Preferred Citation

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Administrative History

The National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) is an organization of professional women in the arts, including artists, writers, and musical composers who celebrate and share creative work. The League's activities include national conventions, biennial conventions, exhibitions and contests, and branch meetings. Application to the organization must be completed with examples of applicant's work, including publications and/or juried artist shows.

When first founded in 1897, the organization was called the League of American Pen Women. Marian Longfellow O'Donohue began the organization with fellow professional press women Margaret Sullivan Burke and Anna Sanborne Hamilton. All three women were involved in the press: O'Donohue, niece of poet and literary artist Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, was a poet and writer for the *Boston Transcript*, the *Boston Herald*, and *The Washington Post*; Burke was a capital correspondent; and Hamilton was a Social Editor for *The Washington Post* and special proof reader for the United States government. These women wanted a literary and press organization for women, since other clubs were reserved for men. In June 1897, they met with seventeen professional women for the organization's first meeting. Artist/illustrator and member, Alice R. Morgan designed the official owl insignia.

The League's popularity and membership grew and is popular among women artists, writers, and musical composers still today. The League was incorporated in 1918, began its chartered local branches in 1921, and was renamed The National League of American Pen Women in 1926. Its headquarters is in Washington, D.C. and the organization consists of local branches. The Valley of Virginia Branch was organized and officially certified in 1950 for the Shenandoah Valley area of Virginia.

Scope and Content

The Valley of Virginia Branch Records include organization and administrative records and League scrapbooks. Types of material include documentation of policies and bylaws, meeting minutes and newsletters, *Pens and Pallets* newsletters, exhibitions and contests documents, correspondence, treasurer reports, lists of branch officers and members, photographs, documentation of organization functions and branch meetings, and information regarding community women involved in the arts.

Series 1: Organizational Records is arranged alphabetically. This series contains administrative and branch

records. Part of this series arrived in three binders. Binders were kept in original order and were dis-bound and items within were removed and rehoused. Other administrative records not included in the binders are also included in this series.

Series 2: Scrapbooks is arranged chronologically. This series contains eleven scrapbooks that were dis-bound and items within removed and rehoused for long-term preservation. Scrapbook pages with written captions or complete glue failure were photocopied to preserve order and arrangement. Acid-free paper was interwoven between photograph pages to prevent acidification. Pages are numbered in brackets to preserve order.

Separated Material

Issues of *The Pen Woman* national newsletter are housed with serials. Loose items within these newsletters were removed and rehoused in the collection. See inventory below for file listing.

Related Materials

[The Pen Woman](#)

Keywords

Women authors, American
American literature -- Women authors
Women artists -- United States
Women composers -- United States
Scrapbooks
Photographs
Newsletters
Minutes (administrative records)
Agendas (administrative records)
Letters (correspondence)
Rosters
National League of American Pen Women

Bibliography

The National League of American Pen Women brochures.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged in two series:

- Organizational Records, 1950-2012
- Scrapbooks, 1950-2013

Description of Subordinate Components

Scrapbooks

Unit ID 2

Unit Date 1950-2013

Language English.

Scope and Content

This series is arranged chronologically and contains the scrapbooks of the Valley of Virginia branch of the National League of American Pen Women. The complete scrapbooks are available and pages are numbered in brackets. Selected pages of scrapbooks with written captions or complete glue failure have been photocopied for long term preservation. The photocopied pages are included in this series. Three scrapbooks arrived labeled as "Volume 1," "Volume 2," and "Volume 3" and others are titled by date range within scrapbook. Types of material include photographs, newspaper articles, branch functions, exhibitions

and contests, meeting minutes, newsletters, and news in the local community related to women in the arts.

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1950-1970

Mixed Materials [1000886497] 5 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook (Folder 1 of 2)

Unit Date 1950-1993

Mixed Materials [1000886497] 5 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook (Folder 2 of 2)

Unit Date 1950-1993

Mixed Materials [1000886497] 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1950-2006

Mixed Materials [1000898350] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook "Volume 1,"

Unit Date 1952-1974

Mixed Materials [1000886497] 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scrapbook "Volume 2,"

Unit Date 1968-1985

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1971-1996

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1974-2001

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898350] OV 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook "Volume 3,"

Unit Date 1985-1999

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1993-1999

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 2006-2013

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Envelope Material from Scrapbook

Unit Date 2006-2013

Mixed Materials [1000886498] 6 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Envelope Material from Scrapbook

Unit Date 1950-2006

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Envelope Material from Scrapbook

Unit Date 2006-2013

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Loose Photographs from Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1950-2013

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1950-1970

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages (Folder 1 of 2)

Unit Date 1950-1993

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages (Folder 2 of 2)

Unit Date 1950-1993

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1950-2006

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages Scrapbook "Volume 1,"

Unit Date 1952-1974

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages Scrapbook "Volume 2,"

Unit Date 1968-1985

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1971-1996

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1974-2001

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages Scrapbook "Volume 3,"

Unit Date 1985-1990

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1993-1999

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Selected Photocopied Scrapbook Pages

Unit Date 2006-2013

Mixed Materials [1000886499] 7 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1950-2006

Mixed Materials [1000898350] OV 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1974-2001

Mixed Materials [1000898350] OV 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1993-1999

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Scrapbook

Unit Date 2006-2013

Mixed Materials [1000898351] OV 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Organizational Records

Unit ID 1

Unit Date 1950-2012

Language English.

Scope and Content

This series is arranged alphabetically and contains the procedural, business, administrative, and financial documents for the Valley of Virginia branch of the National League of American Pen Women. Original order was kept for three binders of administrative documents. Types of material include procedural policies and bylaws, meeting minutes, exhibitions and contests invitations and winners, correspondence, rosters of league members, and league yearbooks.

Binder 1 - Procedural Policies

Unit Date 1974-1990

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Binder 1 - Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1992-1998

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Binder 1 - Meeting Agendas

Unit Date 1992-1998

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Binder 1 - Art Exhibitions and Contest Winners

Unit Date 1987-1998

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Binder 1 - Publication

Unit Date 1994

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Binder 1 - Correspondence

Unit Date 1973-1997

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Binder 1 - Literary Contest Flyers and Cards

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Binder 1 - Bylaws and Questionnaires

Unit Date 1995-1996

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Binder 1 - Treasurer Reports

Unit Date 1993-1998

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Binder 1 - Member List and Treasurer Reports

Unit Date 1994-1995

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Binder 2 - Records

Unit Date 1998-2000

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Binder 2 - Records

Unit Date 2001-2004

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Binder 2 - Procedural Policies and Bylaws

Unit Date 1974-2000

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Binder 2 - Meeting Minutes and Ephemera

Unit Date 2003

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Binder 3 - Records

Unit Date 1997-1998

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)
Container 15 (folder)

Binder 3 - Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1994-1997

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Binder 3 - Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1988-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Binder 3 - Board Meetings

Unit Date 1989-1992

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 18 (folder)

Binder 3 - Correspondence

Unit Date 1989-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 19 (folder)

Binder 3 - Exhibits

Unit Date 1989-1993

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 20 (folder)

Binder 3 - Newsletters

Unit Date 1990-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 21 (folder)

Binder 3 - Miscellaneous

Unit Date 1991-1992

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 22 (folder)

Binder 3 - Bylaws and Meeting Programs

Unit Date 1988-1992

Mixed Materials [1000886493] 1 (box)

Container 23 (folder)

Brochures and Folders

Unit Date 1997-2000

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Bylaws and Branch Certificate

Unit Date 1950-1992

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Correspondence

Unit Date 2000-2012

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Exhibitions and Contests

Unit Date 1997-2000

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Framed Mission Statement

Unit Date 2010

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Grant Money

Unit Date 1950

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Guest Book and Letter

Unit Date 1987-2004

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Guest Book

Unit Date 1996-2006

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Material from The Pen Woman

Unit Date 1992-2010

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1954-1975

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Meeting Minutes and Correspondence

Unit Date 1975-1989

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Meeting Minutes and Notices (Folder 1 of 3)

Unit Date 1986-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Meeting Minutes and Notices (Folder 2 of 3)

Unit Date 1986-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

Meeting Minutes and Notices (Folder 3 of 3)

Unit Date 1986-1994

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 2004-2006

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 15 (folder)

Member Application

Unit Date 2008-2010

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 16 (folder)

Members and Member Directory

Unit Date 2004-2010

Mixed Materials [1000886494] 2 (box)

Container 17 (folder)

Newspaper Articles

Unit Date 1997-2011

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

News Photographs and Postcards

Unit Date 2008

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Pens And Pallets Newsletters and Meeting Minutes

Unit Date 1999-2006

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Publications

Unit Date 1994-2008

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 1990-1992

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 1994-1996

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 1998-2000

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 2000-2002

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 2002-2004

Mixed Materials [1000886495] 3 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Roster

Unit Date 2008-2010

Mixed Materials [1000886496] 4 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Treasurer Reports

Unit Date 2006

Mixed Materials [1000886496] 4 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Yearbooks

Unit Date 1950-1988

Mixed Materials [1000886496] 4 (box)

Container 3 (folder)