

Thunder Bay Soroptimists / International Friendship Garden

Originals & Photocopies, 36cm, 1965-2002

Scope and Content:

Documents covering the Soroptimist's efforts to create the International Friendship Gardens in Thunder Bay.

E 92/1/1-8: Location and Maintenance records, 1966-1992, 6cm (Letters, photos, newspaper

Clippings, diagrams, maps.)

The physical planning, evaluation, and maintenance of the park. Covers correspondence with municipal authorities, botany specialists and supply companies, planning diagrams, newspaper clippings, and other related documents.

E 92/2/1: Maps, pre-1967-1990, 1.5 cm (Maps)

Maps spanning various planning stages for the garden's parklands.

E 92/3/1-6: Cultural Groups Information, 1966-1995, 3cm (Correspondence, diagrams)

Letters and planning diagrams sent as correspondence between the Soroptimists and the various cultural groups invited to participate in the garden. About half of the groups have their own folders, others were loose and assembled into a single folder.

E 92/4/1: Contact information, 1974-1993, 1 cm (Typed & handwritten documents.)

Contact information for people, offices, and services, with handwritten annotations.

E 92/5/1-9: Publications & Presentations, 1966-1999, 11cm

Public documents prepared by the Soroptimists or other groups involved in the park including newsletters. Also contains documents pertaining to the planning of said publications and early drafts.

E 92/6/1-4: Awards and Publications, 1966-2002, 4 cm

Newspaper clippings, magazines, and information covering awards, some written by Soroptimists, most by third party publications.

E 92/7/1-8: Minutes & Administration, 1966-1994, 10 cm

Mostly minutes, finances, and related administrative documents from the Soroptimists. Also includes minutes and similar documents from groups working with the Soroptimists. There are also minutes found within folders in other series.

E 92/8/1-6: Miscellaneous, 1965-1993, 4 cm

Documents and correspondence not immediately connected to other segments. Many of the earliest documents are here.

E 92/9/1: "Success 1993", 1992-1994, 4 cm

Documents related to the 1993 Soroptimists Celebrating Success event where the Friendship Garden took third place in the category of International Goodwill and Understanding from amongst over one hundred entries worldwide.

Organisation Sketch:

The Soroptimist Club of Fort William created the Thunder Bay International Friendship Gardens to celebrate the Canadian Centennial in 1967. Planning was started in the fall of 1965. The park continued to expand throughout the 1970s and 1980s as more land and gardens were added until 18 gardens were created representing immigrant groups. The Friendship Gardens is one of Thunder Bay's attractions.

Associated Material:

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