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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

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Descriptive Entry

The Natural Partners Program was established in 1997 and was responsible for developing on average six distance learning modules a year that were Smithsonian based and supported National Education Standards. Each module or unit integrated content with the following technologies: live two-way video conferencing, electronic field trips, interactive curricula-based web sites, development of both internet and intranet sites, satellite broadcast and a variety of multimedia presentations and products. The development of each module required coordination of a team made up of representatives from the various partners that made up the Natural Partners. Beyond these programmatic initiatives, Natural Partners was responsible for building the public side of the virtual, digital museum. This includes creating a publicly accessible, educationally meaningful digital collection of over 100,000 objects and associated text material. From this foundation, a series of virtual tours, field trips, and on-line activities was created. These materials came to the Archives upon the disbanding of the Natural Partners Program in the fall of 2006. Materials include brochures, color slides and photographs, clippings, correspondence, grant proposals, website information, curriculum, maps, architectural drawings, and video and audio cassettes.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:
Museums -- Educational aspects.
Natural history museums
Types of Materials:

Architectural drawings
Audiotapes
Brochures
Clippings
Color photographs
Color transparencies
Manuscripts
Maps
Videotapes
Container Listing

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Ball State University (BSU): Memorandum of Cooperation, BSU
Ball State University: Ball State
Ball State University: Ameritech
Ball State University: Insite Distance Learning
Ball State University: Smithsonian Proposal, 1998
Ball State University: Turkey Run Community Schools
Ball State University: Partners Correspondence
Ball State University: Center for Impact Tech
Ball State University: Institute for Museum Services, June 5, 1996
Ball State University: Proposed Field Trips
Ball State University: UPS Proposal
Ball State University: Funding Prospectus
Ball State University: BSU/Smithsonian Graduate Course - Native Cultures (Viola)
Ball State University: BSU Agreement - Draft
Ball State University: "Inquiry-Based Learning and Teaching: Mathematics and Science Through Museum Collections" website
Biovisualization Lab
Copernicus: Memorandum of Cooperation
Copernicus: Copernicus Consortium
Copernicus: Correspondence - George Venable
Earthvision: Memorandum of Understanding
Montana Science Institute
Miami Museum of Science, Award 2001-2003: Miami Museum of Science
Miami Museum of Science, Award 2001-2003: Miami Museum of Science, Inc. (2 folders)
Miami Museum of Science
Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Bell South Foundation
Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Charles Calvo

Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Commerce Department Proposal, Tri-State Initiative

Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Digital Darwins

Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Summer Intern Project, 1997

Mississippi State Funding Proposals: Digital Darwins, Website

Mississippi State Contracts: Contract Phase I

Mississippi State Contracts: Department of Commerce, Tri-State Proposal Phase II

Mississippi State Contracts: Mississippi State University (MSU), Design Training/Support

Mississippi State Contracts: Correspondence

Mississippi State Contracts: MSU Television Center/Satellite Education Resources

Mississippi State Contracts: Bell South/MSU

Mississippi State University: Partners Correspondence

Mississippi State University: MSU General

Mississippi State University: MSU School of Architecture, Intern Project, Summer 1996

Mississippi State University: MSU Press/Public Relations

Mississippi State University: MSU Tri-state Info

Mississippi State University: MSU Visions Project - Mobile Van Object Based Learning/Technology

Mississippi State University: Mississippi Museum of Natural Science Foundation

National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA): Bill Burnette

NASA: Gene Feldman

NASA: NASA Industry Education Initiative

NASA: HoloGlobe

Seeds of Change Garden: Abingdon School

Seeds of Change Garden: Green Gold

Seeds of Change Garden: Harvest
Seeds of Change Garden: Modern
Seeds of Change Garden: Native American Treasure Hunt
Seeds of Change Garden: The Potato
Seeds of Change Garden: Quincentenary
Seeds of Change Garden: Randolf School
Seeds of Change Garden: Website
Seeds of Change Garden, Curriculum: General
Seeds of Change Garden, Curriculum: Science Weekly
Seeds of Change Garden: Correspondence, 1991-1992

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Seeds of Change Garden: Halloween Parade, 10/31/1991
Seeds of Change Garden: Curriculum Drafts (5 folders)
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: Giant Squid Articles
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: CORE (Consortium for Oceanographic Research and Education)
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: Correspondence
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: Squid Expedition, Clyde Roper
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: Grant Info
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: SI Info
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: Websites
Search for the Giant Squid/Remote Sensing Expedition: In Search of the Giant Squid, Proposal

Lewis and Clark Project: One Pager
Lewis and Clark Project: Battelle Memorial Institute
Lewis and Clark Project: Correspondence
Lewis and Clark Project: Bicentennial
Lewis and Clark Project: Concept Plan
Lewis and Clark Project: Challenge Grant
Lewis and Clark, Report to Congress
Lewis and Clark Project: Enabling Documents
Lewis and Clark Project: Fund Raising Proposal
Lewis and Clark Project: Northwest Regional Laboratory
Lewis and Clark Project: Website
Lewis and Clark Project: WUSA/USAT
Lewis and Clark Project: Hager Sharp Proposal
Lewis and Clark Project: Trail
Lewis and Clark Project: National Historic Trail Interpretive Center, Environmental Assessment
Mammals in the Schools: Behring
Mammals in the Schools: Behring Collections
Mammals in the Schools: Correspondence
Mammals in the Schools: Budget

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Mammals in the Schools: Strategic Plan
Mammals in the Schools: Marty Stuffer Productions
Voyager Expanded Learning: Background Information
Voyager Expanded Learning: Correspondence
Voyager Expanded Learning: Outreach List, 1/28/1999
Voyager Expanded Learning: Curriculum
Voyager Expanded Learning: DC Public Schools
Voyager Expanded Learning: Meetings and Notes
Voyager Expanded Learning: Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Drafts
Voyager Expanded Learning: Memos
Voyager Expanded Learning: Personnel
Voyager Expanded Learning: Ice Age Press Event
Voyager Expanded Learning: Press Announcement/Event
Voyager Expanded Learning: T-Rex
Voyager Expanded Learning: Updates
Voyager Expanded Learning: Ice Age Summer Camp
Voyager Expanded Learning: Ice Age Curriculum, Week One
Voyager Expanded Learning: Ice Age Curriculum, Week Two
Voyager Expanded Learning: Ice Age Curriculum, Weeks III and IV
Natural Partners Program - Office History and Organization
The Globe: 410 Review
The Globe: Budget
The Globe: Demolition
The Globe: Logo
The Globe: Script
Public Programs: Strategic Plan
NASA Stennis Space Center: Memo of Cooperation and Letter of Agreement
NASA Stennis Space Center: Background Information
NASA Stennis Space Center: Budgets
NASA Stennis Space Center: Correspondence
NASA Stennis Space Center: Proposals
NASA Stennis Space Center: Stennis Field Expeditions, Peru
NASA Stennis Space Center: Miscellaneous
NASA Stennis Space Center: Risk Funds, October 1997
NASA Stennis Space Center: Situation Analysis and Outcomes
NASA Stennis Space Center: Videos
NW Regional Educational Laboratory
National Science Foundation (NSF): Draft Memo of Cooperation
New Mexico State University: Copyright Issues
New Mexico State University: Digital Desert Library, NSF
New Mexico State University: Digital Desert Library, Department of Agriculture
New Mexico State University: Jeanne Gleason
New Mexico State University: Meeting, April 15-17, 1997
New Mexico State University: Meeting, July 6-10, 1997

New Mexico State University: Memorandum of Cooperation

New Mexico State University: Partners Correspondence

New Mexico State University: Seeds of Change, New Mexico State/USDA

New Mexico State University: Women's Committee, Seeds of Change

Michigan State University

New York Institute of Technology: Challenge Grant, Smithsonian in a Box, 5/1997

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New York Institute of Technology: Natural Partners Grant

New York Institute of Technology: Correspondence

New York Institute of Technology: Sodus Schools

Ohio Historical Society: Dig Ohio

Ohio Historical Society: Correspondence

Ohio Historical Society: Ohio Dig (2 folders)

Ohio Schoolnet: Correspondence

Ohio Schoolnet: Partnership Trips

The O. Orkin Insect Zoo: General

The O. Orkin Insect Zoo: Website

WEM Vancouver, 2000

Star Schools

University of Texas, Houston

NASA Stennis Space Center: Stennis

Voyager Adventure Camp

Voyager Expanded Learning: Marco Polo - The Gifts of the Ancients (2 folders)

Voyager Expanded Learning: Dragonfly (2 folders)

Ball State University

Copernicus Interactive Stream Technology Group

Electronic Learning Center
Ohio Schoolnet
Ohio Historical Society
Electronic Classroom
NASA Stennis Space Center
Miami Museum of Science
Mississippi State University
Ohio Historical Society

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Mammals in the Schools
Mammals in the Schools: Teacher Training Week, July 9-14, 2000 - Teacher's Manual
Forces of Change, "Seeds II": SI Exhibit
Forces of Change, "Seeds II": Proposal
Seeds of Change Garden: Articles and Photos
Seeds of Change Garden: Forms and Administrative
Seeds of Change Garden: Resource People
Seeds of Change Garden: Grant Proposal for Online Exhibit
Seeds of Change Garden: Correspondence, 1993-1995
Seeds of Change Garden: General
Seeds of Change Garden, Curriculum: Cookbook
Seeds of Change Garden, Curriculum: Curriculum Workshop
Photographs - Computer Training Classes

Box 6

Video and Audio Tapes
Ice Age Commercial. VHS.
Voyager 30 Second Commercials - "Pre+Med" and "Ice Age." VHS.
Smithsonian/Voyager Ice Age Spot (Complete except for VO). 1/13/1998. VHS.
Ice Age Spot (work in progress). 1/5/1998. VHS.
Ice Age Spot. 12/17. VHS.
Voyager Logo and Matte, Ice Age Spot. 8/18/1998. Betacam SP.

6 Second Closing, Ice Age Logo with Mammoth. 1/13/1997. Betacam SP.

Ice Age Intro (Needs music, sound effects and leader). VHS. TRT 6:57.

Ice Age Intro Video (Needs lead-in, sound effects and music). Betacam SP. Master. TRT 6:55.


Ice Age - Tour. 7/23/1998. Betacam SP.


Ice Age Creatures. Betacam SP. Window Dub.

Ice Age - Randolf Elementary. Betacam SP.

Ice Age - Randolf Elementary. Hi-8 Metal-P Cassette.

Ice Age - Randolf Elementary. VHS. Window Dub.

Ice Age Overview, Smithsonian Voyager Production. 3/24/1998. VHS. TRT 6:45. (3 copies)

Natural History Museum, Ice Hall. 3/10/1998. VHS.

Exterior, Ice Age Hall - Mammals/Whale. Digital S.

First Draft, Smithsonian Voyager. 9/15/1998. VHS. TRT 5:00.


Voyager #7. 3/26/1996. Betacam SP.


Smithsonian - A Revolution in Learning. 2/15/1999. VHS. TRT 9:00.

Box 7

Messages from Outer Space - Electronic Field Trip. 12:30 PM. VHS. (2 copies)

Messages from Outer Space. March 10, 1998, 1 PM. VHS.

Exploring Marine Ecosystems - Electronic Field Trip. 9:30 AM. VHS.

Electronic Field Trip - African Voices. 2/6/2001, 9 AM. VHS.

Electronic Field Trip - African Voices. 2/6/2001, 11 AM. VHS.

Indiana Academy - Smithsonian Electronic Field Trip Promo. VHS.

Electronic Field Trip - Design to Delivery, Morning Show. 11/5/1996. VHS.

GGM Electronic Field Trip. VHS. Tape 1 of 2.

Remote Sensing Field Trip, NASA Stennis Space Center. VHS. TRT 59:44.


Electronic Classroom, Peace Corps, SI/NMNH. VHS.

Naturalist Center Field Trip. VHS. (2 copies)

NASA - The Tri-State Education Initiative. VHS. (2 copies)

NASA Tri-State Video, MSU. VHS.

Tri-State Video #1. 7/27/1996. VHS.

Tri-State Video #2. 1996. VHS.

Bringing Forth Greatness, Tri-State Initiative. VHS. (2 copies)

From a Distance, Program 3, Looking Back by Sensing Today. March 18, 1999. VHS. (2 copies)

Toronto, Tape A. Digital S. Original.

Toronto, Tape B (Mammoth, Room Noise). Digital S. Original.

The Discovery Channel - Ocean Planet: Finite Ocean. 3/13/1995. VHS. TRT 50:34.

Year of the Ocean National Conference. 6/10/1998. VHS. TRT 8:08.


Year of the Ocean - Sound bites. VHS.

Year of the Ocean - Draft sequence. VHS.

Loudoun Magazine. October 2004. VHS.

New Mexico Blue Corn at the Smithsonian. VHS.
Encountering Columbus. VHS.

Box 8


Discovery Now, Smithsonian Magazine Minutes, Weeks 29-41. U-matic.


Madeline Albright's Segment for her Office Archive. Betacam SP.

Gem of a Story, Electronic Field Trip, AM Show. 12/2/1997. VHS. (2 copies)

Indiana Academy, Electronic Field Trip, A Gem of a Story. 12/2/1997, PM. VHS.


Cam B #1. Digital S.

Termination Winds and Other Recollections of the Hanford Project. VHS. TRT 25:00.

Discovery Young Scientist Challenge. 5/21/2001. VHS. TRT 1:50:00.

In Search of the Great Squid - Clyde Roper. 2/25/1998. VHS.


Lifetime - #1 Green. VHS.

Mainland High School, Blue Ribbon, 1996. VHS.

Box 9

The New Explorers Teleconference - Endangered Species: The Battle Against Extinction, Electronic Field Trip from the New Explorers. November 6, 1996. VHS.

Greenscreen Dinosaurs. 1/28/1999. VHS.

Dinosaurs #1 - Ten Misconceptions. Digital S. Original.

Dinosaurs #2 - Ten Misconceptions. Digital S. Original.


CBS This Morning - Scott Wing Shows Dinosaur Exhibit at the Smithsonian. 6/9/1993, 8:38 AM. U-matic.

T-Rex. Digital S.

NMNH - Exteriors/People (Multimedia Footage). Digital S.

Museum of Natural History, Tapes 0, 1, 2. 6/5/1998. VHS. Window Dub.


Museum of Natural History, Tape 6. VHS. Window Dub.

Natural History Museum, Cam A #1. 3/12/1998. VHS.

Natural History Museum, Cam A #2. 3/12/1998. VHS.

Natural History Museum, Cam B #1. 3/12/1998. VHS.

Natural History Museum, Cam B #2. 3/12/1998. VHS.


Seeds of Change. Hi-8 Metal-P Cassette.