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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records documenting the development, transformation, management, marketing, and activities of the O. Orkin Insect Zoo. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, handbooks, scripts, label text, concept outlines, architectural drawings, floor plans, specifications, brochures, original artwork, videotapes, audio recordings, images, clippings, television segments, posters, and memorabilia such as a T-shirt and a mousepad. Also included are product samples developed in conjunction with the insect zoo, such as a lotto game and children's books accompanied by audiotapes. Some materials are in electronic format.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Insect zoos
- Insects
- Museum exhibits
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Museums -- Public relations
- Natural history museums

Types of Materials:

- Architectural drawings
- Artifacts
- Audiotapes
- Books
- Brochures
- Clippings
- Color photographs
- Compact discs
- Electronic images
- Electronic records
- Floor plans
- Floppy disks
- Manuscripts
- Posters
- Sketches
- Videotapes

Names:

- O. Orkin Insect Zoo

## Container Listing

### Box 1

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|------------|---|
| Box 1 of 5 | Handbook for Volunteers, 1977                                 |
| Box 1 of 5 | Handbook for Volunteers, 1981                                 |
| Box 1 of 5 | Original Themes, Concepts, and Scripts, 1974-1976 (2 folders) |
| Box 1 of 5 | Blueprints, 1975-1976 (4 folders)                             |
| Box 1 of 5 | Exhibit Specifications, 1976                                  |
| Box 1 of 5 | Ceremonies and Parties, 1979-1996                             |
| Box 1 of 5 | Exhibit Labels and Theme Statement Revisions, 1983-1985       |
| Box 1 of 5 | Sally Love Press, 1986-1989                                   |
| Box 1 of 5 | Fundraising Trips Correspondence, 1986-1991                   |
| Box 1 of 5 | Handbook, 1987  |
| Box 1 of 5 | Fundraising and Contractor Correspondence, 1987-1990          |
| Box 1 of 5 | Renovation Documents, 1987-1992                               |
| Box 1 of 5 | Memorabilia, 1990-2010  |
| Box 1 of 5 | Handbook for Volunteers, 1991                                 |
| Box 1 of 5 | Environmental Control Chamber and Containment, 1991-2007      |
| Box 1 of 5 | Script, 1992 (2 folders)                                      |
| Box 1 of 5 | Contract Memorandum, 1992                                     |
| Box 1 of 5 | Original Artwork, 1995  |

### Box 2

- Box 2 of 5 O. Orkin Insect Zoo 20th Anniversary, 1996
- Box 2 of 5 *Ladybug at Orchard Avenue* - Book and Cassette, 1996
- Box 2 of 5 *Monarch Butterfly of Aster Way* - Book and Cassette, 1999
- Box 2 of 5 Memorandum to Volunteers after September 11, 2001
- Box 2 of 5 Scope of Work for Insect Zoo Upgrade, 2004
- Box 2 of 5 O. Orkin Insect Zoo 30th Anniversary, 2006
- Box 2 of 5 Insect Lotto Game
- Box 2 of 5 Insect Sounds Audiotapes (includes electronic records)
- Box 2 of 5 Images and Text (includes electronic records)
- Box 2 of 5 Audiovisual Product Contributions, 1980-1997 (includes electronic records)
- Box 2 of 5 Staff Television and Radio Appearances (audio only), 1986-1991

Box 3

- Box 3 of 5 Insect Zoo, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 Insect Zoo #2, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 Insect Zoo #3, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 Insect Zoo #4, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 O. Orkin Insect Zoo, B-roll, 10:26, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 "Here, There, Everywhere," WDCA/Science, 28:00, 3/22/1984, 3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 "Razz Ma Tazz" (Space Academy, Soccer, Dog Frisbee, Left Handed, Insect Zoo), CBS, 6/8/1978 (3/4" U-matic
- Box 3 of 5 Nate Erwin on the Insect Zoo, VOA-TV Interview, 1999, VHS
- Box 3 of 5 DC Kids Radio, 1995, VHS

- Box 3 of 5                      Insect Zoo, WJZ-TV, U-matic S
- Box 3 of 5                      Insect Zoo, Living with Animals, 0:37, 1982, U-matic S
- Box 3 of 5                      "Futures" with Jaime Escalante, "Environmental Science and Technology,"  
Pre-Release Viewing Copy, 1992, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      "Futures" with Jaime Escalante, "Animal Care Show," #201, Pre-Release  
Viewing Copy, 1992, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      Insect Zoo, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      Orkin Pest Control Middle School Presentation, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      "Meet the Beatles," "Here at the Smithsonian," VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      Radio Zone Television Coverage, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      O. Orkin Insect Zoo, B-roll, 10:26, Betacam SP
- Box 3 of 5                      Bugs Special Segments, Theme I (Classification and Diversity, 6:30) and  
Theme III (Insect Ecology, 5:55), Dub, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      "Smithsonian Secrets," Gus Van Beek, Dick Fiske, and Nate Erwin, February  
22-28, 2002, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      Discovery Young Scientist Challenge 1999, 51:00, VHS
- Box 3 of 5                      Bugs Web Special - On-Air Story, Themes II and IV, Interviews with Dr.  
Vandenberg and Dr. Chavarria, VHS
- Box 4
- Box 4 of 5                      Let Arthropods Bring Science into the Classroom, Dub, 2:00:00, 4/30/1996,  
VHS
- Box 4 of 5                      Using Live Insects in elementary Classrooms for Early Lessons in Life, Pilot  
Evaluation Video, VHS
- Box 4 of 5                      "Planet Insect," 12:00, 1996, VHS (2 copies)
- Box 4 of 5                      Real News for Kids, 10/16/1993, VHS
- Box 4 of 5                      Insect Zoo, VOA-TV, VHS

- Box 4 of 5 "Real Science!," "Bugs and Babies," #205, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 Jason V Wrap Up Tape, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 "Insects: The Little Things That Run the World," Smithsonian Video Collection, 60:00, 1989, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 Discovery Break, Discovery Health Watch, Demo, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 Media Training, Nate Erwin, 7/15/1993, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 O. Orkin Insect Zoo Press Conference, Student Poster Winners, School Class Tour, 1:00:00, 9/9/1993, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 O. Orkin Insect Zoo, B-Roll with Ally Love, 1993, VHS
- Box 4 of 5 Spiders, VHS
- Box 5
- Box 5 of 5 Poster Displaying Poster Contest Winners, 1993
- Box 5 of 5 Beetle Poster
- Box 5 of 5 Grasshopper Poster