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## Collection Overview

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## Administrative Information

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## Descriptive Entry

This accession consists of records that document the National Museum of American History's "Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff." The conference, typically taking place on or near April Fool's Day, was framed around a particular food or food item and included humorous papers and lectures, a cooking competition, art competition and demonstrations. Food featured at conferences included Jell-O, peanut butter, marshmallows, crackers, pie, corn, beans, grease, and salt. Participants came from within the museum, but also included staff from other Smithsonian offices and museums. Materials include correspondence, memoranda, meeting agendas and minutes, programs, schedules, papers, poems, publicity records, brochures, clippings, images, sound recordings, posters, and other related materials. 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:

- April Fools' Day
- Art -- Competitions
- Beans
- Congresses and conventions
- Cooking -- Competitions
- Corn
- Crackers
- Food -- History
- Jell-O Company

Lectures and lecturing  
Marshmallow  
Oils and fats  
Peanut butter  
Pies  
Poetry  
Salt

Types of Materials:

Audiotapes  
Black-and-white photographs  
Brochures  
Clippings  
Digital images  
Digital versatile discs  
Electronic records  
Manuscripts  
Posters

Names:

Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff (Conference)

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## Container Listing

	Box 1
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - General Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - General
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Box 1 of 2	Past participants, 1995-1997
Box 1 of 2	Future conference ideas, 1986-1996, 2002
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - First annual - Jell-O, April 1, 1991 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - First annual - Jell-O, April 1, 1991
Box 1 of 2	General, 1991-1997
Box 1 of 2	Program, 1991
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Second annual - Peanut Butter, April 1, 1992 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Second annual - Peanut Butter, April 1, 1992
Box 1 of 2	Papers, 1992
Box 1 of 2	Poem, 1992
Box 1 of 2	Program, 1992
Box 1 of 2	Publicity, 1992 (3 folders)
Box 1 of 2	Audiocassette recordings, 1992 (4 tapes)
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Third annual - Marshmallow, April 1, 1994 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Third annual - Marshmallow, April 1, 1994
Box 1 of 2	Planning and organization records, 1994
Box 1 of 2	Research, advertisements, and clippings
Box 1 of 2	Papers and lectures, 1994
Box 1 of 2	Program, 1994

Box 1 of 2	Flyers and publicity, 1994
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Box 1 of 2	Audiocassette recordings, 1994 (2 tapes)
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Fourth annual - Crackers, March 31, 1995 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Fourth annual - Crackers, March 31, 1995
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Box 1 of 2	Planning and organization records, 1995
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Box 1 of 2	Lectures, papers, poems, and recipes, 1995
Box 1 of 2	Program, 1995
Box 1 of 2	Contact sheets (negative nos. 95-2891 to 95-2893), 1995
Box 1 of 2	Thank you letters to participants, 1995
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	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Fifth annual - Pie, April 1, 1996 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Fifth annual - Pie, April 1, 1996
Box 1 of 2	General, 1996
Box 1 of 2	Call for papers, 1996
Box 1 of 2	Poem, 1996
Box 1 of 2	Schedule, 1996
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Sixth annual - CornUtopia, April 1, 1997 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Sixth annual - CornUtopia, April 1, 1997
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	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Seventh annual - Beanstalk!, April 1, 1998 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Seventh annual - Beanstalk!, April 1, 1998
Box 1 of 2	General, 1998
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Box 1 of 2	Program, 1998
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	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Grease, April 1, 2013 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Grease, April 1, 2013
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Box 1 of 2	Program, 2013
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Box 1 of 2	Images, 2013 (electronic records)
	Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Salt, April 1, 2014 Summary: Annual (Usually) Conference on Stuff - Salt, April 1, 2014
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	Posters Summary: Posters
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