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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The beginning of the Anacostia Neighborhood Museum (ANM) can be traced to the 1966 Aspen, Colorado meeting of the American Association of Museums. At that time S. Dillon Ripley suggested to the members that museum directors try to take their museums to the people of low income areas by renting store front buildings and creating relevant exhibits to arouse curiosity and stimulate motivation for further learning.

Upon his return, Ripley outlined his idea for a satellite museum. Charles Blitzer, then Director of the Smithsonian's Office of Education, chaired the committee to start the project. With the aid of his assistant Carolyn Bronheim, Benjamin Lawless, Assistant Chief of Exhibits, and Frank A. Taylor, Director General of Museums, the requirements for the satellite museum were defined.

After many meetings with community self-help groups, an advisory council was formed. This council was to function as liaison between the Smithsonian Institution and the community. On April 23, 1967, the newly formed council announced Anacostia in southeast Washington, D.C. as the community for the Smithsonian's first satellite museum. The abandoned Carver Theater was selected as the site.

In June 1967, the museum was formally named Anacostia Neighborhood Museum (ANM). John Kinard was chosen as the director and assumed his duties on July 1, 1967. ANM was officially opened September 15, 1967.

Descriptive Entry

These records consist of materials documenting the following exhibitions: "Blacks in the Westward Movement;" "Buy Now Pay Later" (consumer problems exhibition); "Country Store;" "Drug;" "Sage of Anacostia;" and "The Rat: Man's Invited Affliction." In addition, there is John Kinard's correspondence; memoranda from William Warner, Assistant Secretary for Public Services; budgetary and travel materials; drafts, articles, and printed matter pertaining to ANM history and anniversary celebrations; files on community

organization meetings at ANM; and photographs of D.C. Mayor Walter Washington celebrating D.C. community leader Stanley J. Anderson Day at ANM. Related records can be found in Record Units 99 and 145.

Names and Subject Terms

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

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Museums -- Administration

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Black-and-white photographs

Brochures

Clippings

Manuscripts

Names:

Anacostia Museum

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum

Anacostia Neighborhood Museum. Office of the Director

Anderson, Stanley J.

Blacks in the Westward Movement (Exhibition) (1975: Washington, D.C.)

Buy Now Pay Later (Exhibition)

Country Store (Exhibition)

Drug (Exhibition)

Kinard, John, 1936-1989

Sage of Anacostia (Exhibition) (1969: Washington, D.C.)

The Rat: Man's Invited Affliction (Exhibition) (1969-1970: Washington, D.C.)

Warner, William W.

Washington, Walter E., 1915-2003

Container Listing

Box 1	
Box 1 of 9	A - Miscellaneous
Box 1 of 9	ANM History Background Digital Content: "Intermediaries between the museum and the community" by John Kinard. Reprinted from The Papers of the Ninth General Conference of the International Council of Museums, Grenoble, France, 1971 [Image numbers SIA2016-011445 to SIA2016-011450
Box 1 of 9	Anacostia Community School Project (ACPC) (2 folders)
Box 1 of 9	Advertisements (ANM) Benefit Programs
Box 1 of 9	Advisory Council, Program Committee, Anacostia Neighborhood Museum, 1967-1973 - Contains some early council meeting minutes
Box 1 of 9	Afro American Script by Carroll Greene
Box 1 of 9	Anderson, Stanley J. - Concerns Anderson Day in Anacostia, November 11, 1973 - Contains press releases, newspaper clippings, telegrams and brief biography
Box 1 of 9	Anderson, Stanley J. - Contains recognition ceremony pictures with D.C. Mayor Walter E. Washington, 1969
Box 1 of 9	American Association of Museums
Box 1 of 9	American Association of Museums and International Council of Museums (ICOM), 1968-1970
Box 1 of 9	American Negro Proposal Exhibit, 1970
Box 1 of 9	American Negro History (Exhibit Plan for 1969)
Box 2	
Box 2 of 9	Anacostia Economic Development Corporation, 1972-1974
Box 2 of 9	Anacostia Economic Development Corporation, 1971-1972
Box 2 of 9	ANM Archives, 1967-1974 - Includes information pertaining to opening of ANM, information prior to opening of ANM, flyers, invitations, publicity material, philosophy of ANM and pamphlets (8 folders) Digital Content: Anacostia Community Museum Opening Countdown Calendar, 1967 [Image number SIA2016-011451a]

Box 2 of 9 ANM Board Staff Dinner

Box 2 of 9 ANM Stationary

Box 2 of 9 Artist in Residence

Box 2 of 9 Bicentennial Commission, D.C.

Box 2 of 9 Butler, Michael - ANM consultant on exhibits

Box 2 of 9 C, 1969-1974

Box 3

Box 3 of 9 Campaign: Anacostia Neighborhood Museum and Irving-Sweeney-Miller Foundation matching funds, 1968

Box 3 of 9 Carnegie Proposal, Anacostia Studies

Box 3 of 9 Clay modeling class

Box 3 of 9 ANM Performing Arts Group, The Columbians

Box 3 of 9 Commission on Negro History and Culture, also Maryland Commission on Negro History and Bill #12962 sponsored by Congressman Scheuer

Box 3 of 9 Consortium of Universities Monitoring Commission

Box 3 of 9 Corcoran Art Gallery Board of Governors

Box 3 of 9 Correspondence, general, A-F, prior to 1972

Box 3 of 9 Council of Churches of Greater Washington

Box 3 of 9 D.C. Public Schools

Box 3 of 9 Douglass Home Committee, "Cedar Hill"

Box 3 of 9 Ecology

Box 3 of 9 Emblem Design Contest

Box 3 of 9 Emblem Design Contest Donors

Box 3 of 9 Environmental Interpretation Institute, John Kinard, panel member

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Box 4 of 9	Exhibit: Anacostia
Box 4 of 9	Exhibit: Barnett-Aden Art, 1973-1974
Box 4 of 9	Exhibit: Black Man in the Westward Movement (4 folders)
Box 4 of 9	Exhibit: Black Patriot
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Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Buy Now Pay Later (consumer problems exhibit)
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Country Store
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Drug
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Douglass Years
Box 5 of 9	Exhibits Lists
Box 5 of 9	Exhibits, memos, etc. to and from Smithsonian Institution (SI), 1966
Box 5 of 9	Exhibits - Memos and schedules from ANM staff and advisory council about exhibits, also copies of correspondence, 1968-1974
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Festival of the Arts, 1968
Box 5 of 9	Festival of the Arts, 1969
Box 5 of 9	Festival of the Arts, 1970-1972
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Jamaica
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Jazz
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Lorton, October 1970
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Making of a museum first anniversary exhibit - Contains one invitation to ANM activities

Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Makonde Art, 1968
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Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Rat, rentals and inquiries
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: Science (Man's Greatest Adventure)
Box 5 of 9	Exhibit: SI Traveling
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Box 5 of 9	Exhibits: Rating form and suggestion box
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Box 5 of 9	Frederick Douglass Bill, sponsored by Senator Holt, S835-HR5968
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Box 6 of 9	Gospel Truth, 1971
Box 6 of 9	Gospel Truth Publicity
Box 6 of 9	Harper's Ferry (John Kinard, speaker at training center)
Box 6 of 9	Housing and Urban Development exhibits funds
Box 6 of 9	International Council of Museums (ICOM), 1972
Box 6 of 9	ICOM 1971 Survey (articles, etc.)
Box 6 of 9	International Council of Museums 1971 Program - Contains correspondence, printed material and information on Grenoble meeting
Box 6 of 9	International Council of Museums - Contains pamphlets on Danish museums
Box 6 of 9	Intramural Transfer of Specimens - Objects borrowed from SI, F214
Box 6 of 9	Kennedy Doodler, 1968

Box 6 of 9 Kerosene Lamps and Lanterns - Candles

Box 6 of 9 Lamont Street

Box 6 of 9 Linda Polin Memorial

Box 7

Box 7 of 9 Little People

Box 7 of 9 Local: Anacostia Drug Committee

Box 7 of 9 Lorton: Inner Voices

Box 7 of 9 Mail Log, 1972

Box 7 of 9 Mail Record, January through June 1973

Box 7 of 9 Media

Box 7 of 9 Memoranda from John Kinard to staff, 1969-1973

Box 7 of 9 Message Maker

Box 7 of 9 Mexico American Association of Museums, 1972 - Address by John Kinard

Box 7 of 9 Model Inner City Community Organization, 1968

Box 7 of 9 Muse-Bedford-Stuyvisant Neighborhood Museum, 1968-1969

Box 7 of 9 Museum, Children's D.C., 1970

Box 7 of 9 Museum Correspondence, 1972-1974

Box 7 of 9 Museum Involvement in the Neighborhood

Box 7 of 9 N - Negro College List

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Box 8 of 9 National Capitol Park Service Summer in the Parks, 1968

Box 8 of 9 National Council on the Arts

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Box 8 of 9	Negro Life and History Association for the Study of - Contains information of conference, 1969, Birmingham
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Box 8 of 9	Neighborhood Youth Corp and Work Scholarship Information, 1970
Box 8 of 9	North East Museum Conference
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Box 8 of 9	Operation Crossroads Africa, 1972-1975
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Box 8 of 9	Opus2 (an art gallery for exposure of local talent), 1974
Box 8 of 9	Opportunities Industrial Center, 1971-1972
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Box 8 of 9	Performing Arts, Division of (Publicity)
Box 8 of 9	Photograph Lists (for replies to requests)
Box 8 of 9	Press releases
Box 8 of 9	Project Innovation, Williamsville, New York, Black History Museum
Box 8 of 9	R and S Miscellaneous
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Box 9 of 9	Science Mans Greatest Adventure Script
Box 9 of 9	Sentry Post Bicentennial
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Box 9 of 9	Smith Delores, committee member
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Box 9 of 9	Summer Programs, Anacostia Neighborhood Museum
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Box 9 of 9	Video Tape Equipment, 1972-1976
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Box 9 of 9	Washington Artists, 1968
Box 9 of 9	WETA Broadcast, 1973
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