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Collection Overview

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Historical Note

The Smithsonian Resident Associate Program was originally established in September 1965 as the Smithsonian Society of Associates, to raise funds for the Institution by involving members in its work and activities. Executive Secretary Elizabeth Knight managed the organization until her resignation in May 1966. In June Lisa Suter took charge as Program Director, and in September 1966 the organization was renamed the Smithsonian Associates. Susan Hamilton replaced Suter in July 1969, and "Smithsonian" magazine was launched in April 1970. The organization was then divided into the National Program and the Resident Program, and Hamilton became the Director of the latter. In 1972 the two Programs were consolidated under the management of Executive Director Robert W. Mason, and in July Janet Solinger replaced Hamilton as Director of the expanded and renamed Smithsonian Resident Associates Program, which became the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program (RAP) in 1974.

Descriptive Entry

The records of the Director of the Smithsonian Resident Associate Program document the administration and operations of the organization. They contain correspondence and memoranda concerning the budget, fiscal planning, and fundraising, as well as lectures, seminars, and performances offered by RAP. The files also include contact sheets showing staff receptions and public events; scrapbooks of newspaper clippings; and promotional material. In addition, the records document planning for the 20th and 25th anniversaries of the Program.
Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Associations, institutions, etc. -- Membership
- Museums -- Educational aspects
- Museums -- Public relations
- Publicity

Types of Materials:
- Black-and-white photographs
- Clippings
- Manuscripts

Names:
- Hamilton, Susan A.
- Knight, Elizabeth
- Mason, Robert W.
- Smithsonian Associates
- Smithsonian Institution -- Administration
- Smithsonian Magazine
- Smithsonian Society of Associates
- Solinger, Janet W.
- Taylor, Lisa, 1933-1991
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Box 1 of 5  Performing Arts - Mel Kaplan
Box 1 of 5  Smithsonian Institution - Yesterday and Today
Box 1 of 5  Festival of Indonesia/JWS Trip to Indonesia
Box 1 of 5  Use of Quadrangle Educational Center, 1987
Box 1 of 5  Requests for use of Education Center, 1986
Box 1 of 5  Advancement Council Report and Recommendations, 1989
Box 1 of 5  Secretary's Discretionary Fund - William Wooten, 1988
Box 1 of 5  RAP Automation Computer Support Downtime, 1987
Box 1 of 5  5-Year Plan, 1987-1991
Box 1 of 5  Information Resource Management - Steering Committee, 1987
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Box 5 of 5  Contact Sheets: Trips and Tours, Studio Arts, Openings, Fund Projects, Staff Receptions
Box 5 of 5  Key Issues in Science Today, 1977-1979
Box 5 of 5  Contact Sheets: Important People, Boomerang, Kites, Young Associates, Courses