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Creator

Virginia Tech Museum of Natural History

Extent

9.8 Cubic Feet 8 boxes

Repository

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Administrative Information

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Administrative Note

The Virginia Museum of Natural History is, as its title suggests, the official state natural history museum, founded in 1984 and located in Martinsville, Virginia. A branch of the museum, the Virginia Tech Museum of Natural History opened in April 1990 on the Blacksburg campus of Virginia Tech, in connection with Earth Week. In July 1991, it absorbed the Virginia Tech Center for Systematic Collections, which was influential in bringing the branch to fruition, and combined the many natural history collections throughout campus. Directors included Llyn Sharp, Susan C. Eriksson, and founding director Michael Kosztarab. The branch closed in 2004.

Scope and Content

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This collection is made up of nine series:

Series I: Scrapbooks includes files transferred from scrapbook binders that were kept to preserve records from the museum, namely newspaper articles and pictures. The binders went from the year 1990 to around 2003. It also includes Save Our Streams scrapbooks (which include newspaper articles, informational flyers, and photos about saving the streams of the New River Valley) from another program within the Virginia Tech Museum of Natural History. The program began in 1992.

Series II: MINTS is further divided into three sub-series: MINTS Scrapbooks, Workshop Notebook, and MINTS VHS tapes. "MINTS" stands for "Museum Inquiry-based Natural history guides for TeacherS." More information on all of the sub-series can be found in the series' notes.

Series III: Prints and Slides are a collection of various pictures and slides that have been removed from binders. This series contains 5 separate sub-series: People and Events Slides and Prints, School Photos, Exhibit Prints, MISC Prints and Slides, and Slide Tray. More information on all of the sub-series can be found in the series' notes.

Series IV: Publications and Brochures contains some extra information from the museum that details instructions on how it should be run, extra booklets, and a book. There's a training manual binder, as well as an instructional notebook that details information about the Education Resource Center and what in the museum is open to the public to look at. There's a visitor register, which is just made up of sign-in pages for

visitors to the museum from 1997 to 2003. There's also a booklet from 1990 about childhood nature education, a brochure from 1991 about the Department of Mines, Minerals, and Energy, and a booklet from 1992 about "mapping the school grounds." Lastly, there's a book titled *Transylvanian Roots; The True Life Adventures of a Hungarian American* by Michael Kosztarab, which was published in 1997. The book is about his "two escapes from the Soviets, the smuggling of his seven-month-old daughter out of Communist Hungary, his incarceration by the Nazis for helping the Jews in 1944, and his welcome to the United States as not just a refugee but as a scholar/scientist."

Series V: Programs has information about all of the programs and activities in the museum from about 1990 to 1996. It's divided into several sub-series because they were already pre-divided and there was no reason to change their organization. More information on all of the sub-series can be found in the series' notes.

Series VI: Posters is an oversized box that contains a VMNH "Explore Natural History" poster, a print of the museum building at Virginia Tech, a MINTS book poster, and another smaller poster of a picture from one of the museum exhibits.

Separated Materials

The publication entitled "Model inquiries into nature in the schoolyard" has been separated to the Rare Books Collection.

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Arrangement

- Series I: Scrapbooks, 1990-2003
- Series II: MINTS, 1990, 1992-1999, undated
 - Sub-Series I: MINTS Scrapbooks, 1990, 1992-1999, undated
 - Sub-Series II: Workshop Notebook, 1994
 - Sub-Series III: MINTS VHS Tapes, 1994-05-03-1994-05-24
- Series III: Prints and Slides, 1984, 1987, 1989-2002, undated
 - Sub-Series I: People and Events Slides and Prints, 1989-2002, undated
 - Sub-Series II: School Photos, 1993-02-1993-03
 - Sub-Series III: Exhibit Prints, 1990-2000
 - Sub-Series IV: MISC Prints and Slides, 1984, 1987, 1989-1997, undated
 - Sub-Series V: Slide Tray, 1994
- Series IV: Publications and Brochures, 1990-1993, 1996-2003, undated
- Series V: Programs, 1983, 1990-1996, undated
 - Sub-Series I: VTMNH Programs – Bat Day, 1991-1992, 1994, undated
 - Sub-Series II: Geography Awareness + John Cain Week, 1992-1994, undated
 - Sub-Series III: VTMNH Programs Archive, 1991-1992
 - Sub-Series IV: Program Archive, 1993
 - Sub-Series V: Program Archive, 1994
 - Sub-Series VI: Bluebird Festival, 1994, undated
 - Sub-Series VII: 1995 Programs, 1983, 1990-1993, 1995-1996
 - Sub-Series VIII: NH Elderhostel, 1994-1995, undated
- Series VI: Posters, undated

Description of Subordinate Components

Series I: Scrapbooks

Unit Date 1990-2003

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1990

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1991-1993

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 3-4 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1993-1994

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 5-6 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 7-8 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1994-1995

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 9-10 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1996

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 11-12 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 1997-1998

box-folder 1 (box)

Container 13-14 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook, vol. 1

Unit Date 1998-1999

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook, vol.2

Unit Date 1998-1999

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 3-4 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook

Unit Date 2000-2001

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 5-6 (folder)

VTMNH Scrapbook - MISC

Unit Date 1997-1999, 2001-2003, undated

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Save Our Streams Program Scrapbook, vol. 2

Unit Date 1996-1999, undated

box-folder 3 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Series II: MINTS

Unit Date 1990, 1992-1999, undated

Scope and Content

Sub-Series I: MINTS Scrapbooks and Notebook includes files similar to the VTMNH scrapbooks, except these are particular to the MINTS program, which is more about teaching natural history than showing it in exhibits. The scrapbooks go from about 1990 to 1999. The Workshop Notebook is a binder that wasn't transferred into a folder because of how carefully it's already organized. It's made for teachers who are taking potential students through a classic MINTS workshop. This binder was put together in 1994.

Sub-Series II: MINTS VHS Tapes are 6 VHS tapes that have footage from these MINTS workshops in action. These workshops took place on three different days in May, 1994.

Sub-Series I: MINTS Scrapbooks and Notebook

Unit Date 1990, 1992-1999, undated

MINTS Scrapbook, vol. 1

Unit Date 1990, 1992-1998, undated

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 8-9 (folder)

MINTS Scrapbook, vol. 2

Unit Date 1998-1999, undated

box-folder 2 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

MINTS Workshop Notebook

Unit Date 1994

box 2

Sub-Series II: MINTS VHS Tapes

Unit Date 1994-05-03-1994-05-24

MINTS Day 1 (2 tapes)

Unit Date 1994-05-03

box 3

MINTS Pilot Followup (2 tapes)**Unit Date** 1994-05-17**box** 3**MINTS Intro Workshop Day 2 (2 tapes)****Unit Date** 1994-05-24**box** 3**Series III: Prints and Slides****Unit Date** 1984, 1987, 1989-2002, undated**Scope and Content**

Sub-Series I: People and Events Slides and Prints: This contains pictures from various people and events involved within the VTMNH, like the grand opening, Bat Day, the Bluebird Festival, and other events like parades and awards. These are from the years of around 1989 to 2002.

Sub-Series II: School Photos includes photos from Montgomery County, Floyd County, and Pulaski County. They're mostly nature shots of the areas around the schools, taken in February and March of 1993.

Sub-Series III: Exhibit Prints includes prints from various exhibits, which has some pictures from exhibits like "Gifts to our Grandchildren," the Butterfly Garden, and the opening of the Diversity Endangered Exhibit (1990). These prints were taken in the decade of 1990-2000.

Sub-Series IV: MISC Prints and Slides just contains some various other prints and slides, including graphic and title slides, various research activity pictures, contact sheets, and blow-up prints. The years for this one are pretty sporadic, starting around 1984 and ending in 1997.

Sub-Series V: Slide Tray is a physical slide tray from the year 1994. It's labeled as "An Introduction to VTMNH," and also includes a description of what's on each slide.

Sub-Series I: People and Events Slides and Prints**Unit Date** 1989-2002, undated**People and Events (Educational Programs) Slides****Unit Date** 1991-1992**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 3 (folder)**People and Events (Educational Programs) Slides****Unit Date** 1993-1996, 1999**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 4 (folder)**People and Events (Educational Programs) Prints****Unit Date** 1989-1997, 1999**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 5-6 (folder)**People and Events (Educational Programs) Prints****Unit Date** 1996-1999**box-folder** 3 (box)**Container** 7-8 (folder)**People and Events (Non-Educational Programs) Prints****Unit Date** 1991, 1993, 1995, 1997-1999, undated**box-folder** 4 (box)**Container** 1 (folder)

Programs - People and Events, Slides and Prints

Unit Date 1991-1996, 1998, 2001-2002

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 2-3 (folder)

Sub-Series II: School Photos

Unit Date 1993-02-1993-03

Montgomery County Schools Photos

Unit Date 1993-02

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Floyd/Pulaski County Schools Photos

Unit Date 1993-02-1993-03

box-folder 4 (box)

Container 5-6 (folder)

Sub-Series III: Exhibit Prints

Unit Date 1990-2000

Exhibits and Facilities; Collections and Research/Field Activities Prints

Unit Date 1990-2000

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 1-2 (folder)

Photos of the Opening of the Diversity Endangered Exhibit

Unit Date 1990

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Sub-Series IV: MISC Prints and Slides

Unit Date 1984, 1987, 1989-1997, undated

Collections and Research/Field Activities, Displays and Exhibits Slides

Unit Date 1984, 1987, 1989, 1991-1994, 1996

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Graphic and Title Slides, Misc. Landscapes and Pictures, Museum and Geological Sciences Slides

Unit Date 1990-1995, undated

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Contact Sheets

Unit Date 1990-1992

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

SOS, Exhibits and Collections of other Museums, MISC, Blow-Up Prints

Unit Date 1989-1992, 1994-1997, undated

box-folder 5 (box)

Container 7-8 (folder)

Sub-Series V: Slide Tray

Unit Date 1994

Introduction to Virginia Tech Museum of Natural History Slide Tray

Unit Date 1994

box 6

Series IV: Publications and Brochures

Unit Date 1990-1993, 1996-2003, undated

Interpreter Training Manual

Unit Date 1993, undated

box 6

Education Resource Center Instructional Notebook and Card Catalog

Unit Date 1996, undated

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Visitor Register

Unit Date 1997-2003

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bridging Early Childhood and Nature Education Booklet

Unit Date 1990

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy Brochure

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Mapping the School Grounds Booklet

Unit Date 1992-06

box-folder 6 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Transylvanian Roots; The True Life Adventures of a Hungarian American

Unit Date 1997

box 6

Series V: Programs

Unit Date 1983, 1990-1996, undated

Scope and Content

Sub-Series I: VTMNH Programs – Bat Day includes information about Bat Day for 1991 and 1992, as well as

other information on some other activities, like "Decorating a Tree for Wildlife."

Sub-Series II: Geography Awareness + John Cain Week only includes one folder of the same name, which has information about John Cain Week in 1993, which was November 15-21.

Sub-Series III: VTMNH Programs Archive 1991-1992 contains information and activities from the years 1991-1992, including the Mushroom Foray, the Allosaurus Birthday Party, and Hawkwatch.

Sub-Series IV: Program Archive 1993 is similar to the previous sub-series; it includes information on the programs of that year, like the Endangered Species Program and Native American Day.

Sub-Series V: Program Archive 1994 is nearly identical to the last two, but for the 1994 year. Some of the folders included in here are more information about the Endangered Species Program and records of a Benefit Concert.

Sub-Series VI: Bluebird Festival is only made up of two folders—one with a "Doctor is In" sign, and the other containing information about the Bluebird Festival, which has a lot of information about bluebirds themselves, as well as information and feedback on the festival, which was on 3/26/1994.

Sub-Series VII: 1995 Programs has information like the rest of the program sub-series, with folders containing programs and events like the 5th year anniversary of the museum, Wildflower Printing, the Recycling Program, Caring for Your Own Collections, and more.

Sub-Series VIII: NH Elderhostel details an "elderhostel" program, which is a program dedicated to providing adults with learning adventures. These were, of course, in relation to the museum.

Sub-Series I: VTMNH Programs - Bat Day

Unit Date 1991-1992, 1994, undated

Decorate a Tree for Wildlife

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 1 (folder)

Photo Workshop Flyer

Unit Date undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 2 (folder)

Bat Day

Unit Date 1991-03-23

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 3 (folder)

Bat Day

Unit Date 1992-03-28

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 4 (folder)

Extra Bat Day Info

Unit Date 1994, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 5 (folder)

Sub-Series II: Geography Awareness + John Cain Week

Unit Date 1992-1994, undated

Geography Awareness + John Cain Week

Unit Date 1992-1994, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 6 (folder)

Sub-Series III: VTMNH Programs Archive

Unit Date 1991-1992

Stream Ecology

Unit Date 1991-11-09

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 7 (folder)

Mushroom Foray

Unit Date 1991, 1993, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 8 (folder)

Allosaurus Birthday Party

Unit Date 1991-07-27

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 9 (folder)

Hawkwatch

Unit Date 1991-09-21

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 10 (folder)

Spring Programs

Unit Date 1992

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 11 (folder)

Summer Programs

Unit Date 1992

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 12 (folder)

Extra Virginia Museum of Natural History Flyers

Unit Date 1991

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 13 (folder)

MISC Programs

Unit Date 1991-1992

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 14 (folder)

Fall Programs**Unit Date** 1992**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 15 (folder)**Sub-Series IV: Program Archive****Unit Date** 1993**Summer Programs****Unit Date** 1993**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 16 (folder)**Fall Programs****Unit Date** 1993**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 17 (folder)**Native American Day****Unit Date** 1993-04-17**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 18 (folder)**Spring Programs****Unit Date** 1993**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 19 (folder)**Endangered Species Programs****Unit Date** 1993-1994, undated**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 20 (folder)**Sub-Series V: Program Archive****Unit Date** 1994**Benefit Concert****Unit Date** 1994**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 21 (folder)**Spring Programs (April, May, June)****Unit Date** 1994**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 22 (folder)**Brainstorming Endangered Species Program****Unit Date** 1993, undated**box-folder** 7 (box)**Container** 23 (folder)

Winter Programs

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 24 (folder)

Summer Programs (July, August, September)

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 25 (folder)

Fall (October, November, December)

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 26 (folder)

Fall Program Schedule Brochures

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 27 (folder)

Fall Programs

Unit Date 1994

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 28 (folder)

Sub-Series VI: Bluebird Festival

Unit Date 1994, undated

"Doctor is In" Sign

Unit Date undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 29 (folder)

Bluebird Festival

Unit Date 1994-03

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 30 (folder)

Sub-Series VII: 1995 Programs

Unit Date 1983, 1990-1993, 1995-1996

Event Calendars

Unit Date 1995

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 31 (folder)

Recycling Program

Unit Date undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 32 (folder)

Caring for Your Own Collections

Unit Date undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 33 (folder)

"Oh Deer!"

Unit Date 1995

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 34 (folder)

Gardening for Nectar Seekers

Unit Date 1993, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 35 (folder)

5th Year Anniversary Celebration - Natural History Tours

Unit Date 1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 36 (folder)

Wildflower Printmaking with Kathryn O'Bryan

Unit Date 1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 37 (folder)

Identification of Local Butterflies

Unit Date 1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 38 (folder)

Salamanders of the Southern Appalachians

Unit Date 1995-09-14

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 39 (folder)

Burke's Garden

Unit Date undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 40 (folder)

X-Rays

Unit Date 1995-11-02

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 41 (folder)

Volcanoes of Virginia

Unit Date 1995-11-09

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 42 (folder)

Annual Geological Museum Mineral and Gift Sale

Unit Date 1995-11-04

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 43 (folder)

Burke's Garden Field Trips

Unit Date 1995

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 44 (folder)

Advertisement - VPINMH Museum Opening

Unit Date 1990, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 45 (folder)

VTMNH Promotional Flyer (Info)

Unit Date 1992-1993

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 46 (folder)

Science Teachers

Unit Date 1983, 1990-1991, 1996, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 47 (folder)

Sub-Series VIII: Natural History Elderhostel

Unit Date 1994-1995, undated

NH Elderhostel Envelope

Unit Date 1994-1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 48 (folder)

Elderhostel - Nancy

Unit Date 1994-1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 49 (folder)

Elderhostel Vitae

Unit Date 1995, undated

box-folder 7 (box)

Container 50 (folder)

Series VI: Posters

Unit Date undated

"Explore Natural History" Poster

Unit Date undated

oversize 8 (box)

VMNH at Virginia Tech Print

Unit Date undated
oversize 8 (box)

MINTS Book Poster

Unit Date undated
oversize 8 (box)

Exhibit Poster

Unit Date undated
oversize 8 (box)