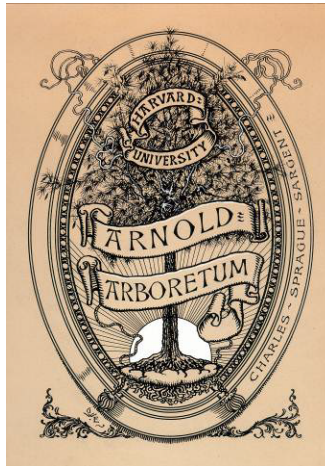


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Historical Note



Arboretum Telethon for Park Ranger Program: left to right, Kate Nixon, Sheila Lyons, Mary Ashton, Peter Ashton and Jean Klugman, Gutman Library, March 21, 1985

Founded in May 1982, the Arnold Arboretum Committee was an independent, non-profit organization of community members dedicated to improving security at the Arnold Arboretum. In the spring of 1982, several violent assaults occurred around the Arnold Arboretum, raising alarms within neighboring communities and prompting the creation of the Committee. Collaborating with Arboretum staff, the organization was made up of residents Jamaica Plan, Roslindale, West Roxbury, and from other areas near the Arboretum. In 1985, the Arnold Arboretum Committee was incorporated and received official non-profit status from the Internal Revenue Service. Kate Nixon, a Public Relations officer at the Arboretum, worked with the Arnold Arboretum Committee, serving as their primary contact for press releases and corresponding with Arboretum staff members and local officials on the Committee's behalf.

The Arboretum Committee helped advocate and fundraise for the creation of the Park Rangers Program, run by the City of Boston's Parks and Recreation Department. In 1983, park rangers began patrolling the grounds of the Arboretum as well as other public parks in Boston. Throughout the 1980's, the Boston Park Rangers received continuing support from the Arboretum Committee. The group held fundraising and publicity events, such as a White Rhinoceros Sale (April 30, 1983), "An Old-Fashioned Winter Day in the Park" (February 12, 1984), gala parties, and sponsored photography contests (1984-85). In July 1982, they did door-to-door fundraising in the surrounding neighborhood and in 1985, ran a telephone fundraiser for the Park Rangers. The group also organized and supported other safety programs, such as self-defense classes and the clean-up of the roadways surrounding the Arboretum's grounds.

Scope and Content

This collection consists of the records relating to the organization and activities of the Arboretum Committee, including the articles of organization, by-laws, proposals, meeting minutes, meeting notices, press releases, correspondence, programming materials, and brochures. The records in this collection end in 1988, though the Committee likely continued to exist for a time after this date.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged into three series.

- Series I: Articles of Organization and Proposals**
- Series II: Meeting Minutes and Notices**
- Series III: General Records and Correspondence**

Container List

Series I:

Box 1

Folder

1: Articles of Organization and Proposals

- Includes "Articles of Organization and By-Laws of The Arboretum Committee," drafts of this document, comments on the Bylaws, list of Committee candidate addresses, Arboretum Committee membership lists (names and addresses), exemption from Federal income tax (August 2, 1985), application for Boston Partners in Urban Recreation.

Series II:

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2: Meeting Minutes and Notices

- Meeting Minutes and Notices (includes January 26, 1983; February 16, 1983; March 14, 1983; May 16, 1983; July 6, 1983; September 22, 1983; October 18, 1983; December 13, 1983; January 10, 1984; March 5, 1984; June 21, 1984; June 27, 1984; November 13, 1984; August 13, 1985; February 20, 1986; March 11, 1986; October 17, 1987); Meeting Notices for additional dates.

Series III:

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3: General Records and Correspondence

- Arnold Arboretum Committee, Inc., brochure
- Peter S. Ashton to "Neighbors," regarding formation of Committee. May 3, 1982.
- Sylvia Grey, Milton, MA. Letter to editor with newspaper clipping and note from Ms. Grey.
- Kate Nixon to Superintendent Robert Bradley, Boston Police Department, Boston, MA. May 27, 1982.
- Arboretum Committee (Sub-Committee on Security) to Members of Arboretum Committee and Mass Media, regarding safety.
- Arboretum Committee (Sub-Committee on Security) to Members of Arboretum Committee and Mass Media, regarding "Taking Back the Arboretum." June 3, 1982.
- Arboretum Committee (Sub-Committee on Security) to Members of Arboretum Committee and Mass Media, "Safety Update," follow-up after Arboretum Committee Meeting on June 2, 1982.
- Kate Nixon to All Arboretum Staff, regarding work of Arboretum Committee thus far. June 22, 1982.
- Press Release, Arboretum Park Ranger Weekend (July 17 and 18) announcement and form. Blank copy and copy with completed form.
- Kate Nixon to "Friend" [of the Arboretum]. June 29, 1982.
- Kate Nixon to Ray Williams, Assistant to the President, Northeastern University, Boston, MA. June 30, 1982.
- Kate Nixon to Hugh McCormack, Massachusetts Urban Reinvestment Advisory Group, Jamaica Plain, MA. July 1, 1982.
- Carolyn Mockett, MA to Michael F. Leonard, in response to request for suggestions in newspaper. Mailed July 6, 1982. Includes newspaper clipping and envelope.

- Kate Nixon to Commissioner Robert D. McCoy, Parks and Recreation Department, Boston, MA. July 7, 1982.
- Contract for Rental Space, J.P. High. July 28, 1982.
- Kate Nixon to George Arnold Jr., Pastene Wine and Spirits, Somerville, MA, regarding party donations for "Harvest of Sweet Delights." October 15, 1982.
- Announcement for "A Harvest of Sweet Delights" on November 19, 1982. October 29, 1982.
- Invitation to "A Harvest of Sweet Delights." November 19, 1982.
- Press Release, "Boston Park Rangers Slated for Arboretum in May." [1983].
- Kate Nixon to Arboretum Committee, regarding White Rhinoceros Sale. May 4, 1983.
- Press Release, regarding Boston Park Ranger Program. May 17, 1983.
- Kate Nixon to Nancy Mulbury, Greater Boston Council, Boy Scouts of America, Boston, MA, regarding use of space for self-defense course. June 15, 1983.
- Kate Nixon to "Mrs. Kimsey," Roslindale, MA, regarding Peter's Hill. July 13, 1983.
- Kate Nixon to Joe Warren, Community Affairs, Northeastern University, Boston, MA, regarding possible sponsorships. August 26, 1983.
- Kate Nixon and the Arboretum Committee to Laurence DiCara, mayoral candidate, Boston, MA, regarding Arnold Arboretum Committee questionnaire. August 30, 1983.
- "Finnegan" to Kate Nixon, response to Arnold Arboretum Committee questionnaire. [Mailed September 28, 1983].
- Mel King, response to Arnold Arboretum Committee questionnaire. [1983]
- Dennis Kearney, response to Arnold Arboretum Committee questionnaire. [1983]
- Announcement regarding Mayoral Candidate night, October 5 [1983?].
- Kate Nixon, "An Arboretum Committee Update." October 19, 1983.
- Press Release, "Arboretum Committee Officers Planning Series of 1984 Events to Benefit Park Rangers." December 9, 1983.
- "Park Rangers in the Arboretum." [1983]
- Press Release, "Arbor Day at the Arboretum Will Feature 'White Rhinoceros Sale'." February 18, 1983.
- To All Arboretum and Boston Park Ranger Supporters. April 11, 1984.
- Press Release, "Arboretum Plans Roslindale 'Improvements'," August 22, 1983.
- Announcement and Schedule for "An Old-Fashioned Winter Day in the Park," February 12, 1984.
- Press Release, "Arboretum Committee Turns Winter into Spring," regarding success of the event, "Old Fashioned Winter Day in the Park." [1984].
- Press Release, "Arnold Arboretum and Boston Police Plan for Spring Safety." March 20, 1984.
- Press Release, "Arnold Arboretum Committee to Host a Ranger Brunch and Special Tours of the Arboretum on November 18." October 19, 1984.
- Invitation to "Sunday Brunch at the Arboretum." November 18, 1984.
- Virginia Marcotte to "Those Working on the Photo Project," regarding Arboretum Committee Photography Contest." Date Unknown.
- Arboretum Committee Photography Contest (1984-1985) Guidelines.
- Proposal for a Telephone Fundraising Project for the Park Ranger Program. January 23, 1985.
- Telephone Number List for Park Ranger Phonathon. [1985]
- Photograph: "Arboretum Telethon, Gutman Library" showing Kate Nixon, Sheila Lyons, Mary Ashton, Peter Ashton and Jean Klugman fundraising. 8x10", black and white. March 21, 1985.

- Kate Nixon to Deputy Superintendent Joseph Saia, March 28, 1985.
- Invitation to "The Arboretum: A Park for All People," reception for a photography exhibition. October 4, 1985.
- "Agenda for Arboretum Committee Party to Honor Photo Contest Winners and Al Bussewitz." October 4, 1985.
- Barry Cheslin, President, Arnold Arboretum Committee, Inc., to George Collins, Executive Director, Boston Globe Foundation, Dorchester, MA and Renae Scott, Haymarket People's Fund, Boston, MA, regarding fundraising campaign. January 13, 1986.
- Kate Nixon to "Maura, Eddie, Tim, Leslie, John, and Don." Date unknown.
- Project Calendar.