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Finding aid for the
Oracle Conference collection, 1983-2013
AG 110

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Abstract

This collection contains the records and documentation of the Oracle Conferences, 1983 - 2013. The conferences are held for museum professionals in the field of photography. Information includes announcement letters, activity schedules, and lists of attendees. Also included are several photocopies of letters from journals pertaining to the Oracle Conferences.

The collection is active.

Quantity/ Extent

2 linear feet

Language of Materials

English

Historical Note

The Oracle Conferences is an annual conference attended by museum professionals and curators in the field of photography. It began in 1983 in Oracle, Arizona and has since been held in many different cities and countries but retains the name of the city it began in.

Scope and Content Note

Series 1, Activity files, includes materials related to the annual conferences as well as the organization as a whole. These materials include conference schedules, participant lists, schedules of activities, announcement materials, registration materials, and accommodation information for each conference. Also included in this series is correspondence and material on the history of the conference.

Series 2, Audiovisual material, contains CDs, DVs, and DVDs.

Series 3, Artifacts and memorabilia, contains items given to conference attendees, and includes a ceramic dish given to Oracle 1997 participants and a pocket calendar given to participants in 2012.

Arrangement

[Series 1: Activity files, 1983-2013, 3 boxes](#)

[Series 2: Audiovisual material, n.d., 2007-2008, 1 box](#)

[Series 3: Artifacts and memorabilia, 1997-2012, 1 box](#)

Names and Subject Terms

Oracle Conference [<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/names/n90678925>]

Photography [<http://id.loc.gov/authorities/subjects/sh85101206>]

Restrictions

Conditions Governing Access

Access to this collection requires an appointment with the Volkerding Study Center.

Conditions Governing Use

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Provenance

Collection assembled by the Archivist beginning in 1988. Materials in Series 1 include gifts of Stuart Alexander; gifts of Alison Nordstrom, 2006; and gifts of Anne Tucker, 2007. Series 2 was a gift of Leslie Laufer, 2013.

Preferred Citation

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Processing Information

The materials found in box 1 folders 1-3 were withdrawn from MISCELLANEOUS SMALL COLLECTIONS (AG8, Subgroup 38) in May, 1990 by Kristi Bradford. Finding aid was updated by Tai Huesgen in 2019.

Container List

Series 1: Activity files, 1983-2013

Extent: 3 boxes

Box	Folder	
1	1	<u>Oracle I</u> - Oracle Conference Center, Oracle, Arizona, 25-27 November 1983. Includes list of participants, conference schedule, snapshot photographs by Jim Alinder, and a photocopy of article from <u>CMP Bulletin</u> (1987) discussing the early conferences.
	2	<u>Oracle II</u> - National Museum of American Art, Washington, D.C. September 27-30, 1984. Includes list of participants, schedule of activities, photocopy of article from <u>AfterImage</u> (1984) discussing Oracle II.
	3	<u>Oracle III</u> - Riverwood Conference Center, Minneapolis, MN. 25-27 October 1985. Includes conference schedule and list of participants.
	4	<u>Oracle IV</u> - University of California, Conference Center, Lake Arrowhead, CA, December 5-7, 1986. Includes announcement letter and list of proposed attendees, schedule of activities, photocopy of article from <u>American Photographer</u> (1986).
	5	<u>Oracle V</u> - Tarrytown Executive Conference Center, New York, November 20-22, 1987. Complete registration packet including participant list, agenda, and daily schedule of activities, and 1988 exhibition schedules.
	6	<u>Oracle VI</u> - Mont Ste Marie, Quebec Province, Canada. 16-18 September 1988. Participant list and letters announcing the conference. [Hosted by National Gallery of Canada, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.]
	7-8	<u>Oracle VII</u> - Visual Studies Workshop, Rochester, New York. 16-19 November 1989. Participant list and conference schedule.
	9-10	<u>Oracle VIII</u> - Friends of Photography, San Francisco, CA. 25-28 October 1990. Participant list, conference schedule, list of speakers.
	11-12	<u>Oracle IX</u> - Photographic Resource Center, Boston University, 25-27 October 1991. Conference schedule, participant list, exhibition handouts from various museums.
	13-14	<u>Oracle X</u> - Woodlands Conference Center, Houston, TX, 13-15 November 1992. Schedule of events.

- 15 Oracle XI - Stouffer Rochester Plaza Hotel, Rochester, New York, 22-25 July 1993. Schedule of events for each day and participant list. This conference was scheduled to coincide with "Montage 93."
- 16-17 Oracle XII - Swindon, England, 3-6 November 1994. Schedule of events for each day, participant list, and a list of topics for discussion.
- 18 Oracle XIII - Daytona Beach, Florida, 2-5 November 1995. Registration materials and list of participants.
- 19-20 Oracle XIV - Santa Barbara, CA, 7-10 November 1996. Conference schedule and list of participants. [Hosted by Santa Barbara Museum of Art]; "Brief Report on Oracle 1996," in *Independents' Newsletter*, Vol. 1, No. 1, Winter 1996-97.
- 21-22 Oracle XV - Pátzcuaro, México, 14-16 November 1997. Conference schedule and accommodations.
- 2 1 Correspondence, 1996-98
- 2 *Independent's Newsletter* 1:1 (winter 1996-97), 1:2 (fall 1997) printed format 3? (1998) electronic format. Gift of Stuart Alexander.
- 3-5 Oracle XVI – Kiyosato Museum of Photographic Arts, Japan, 6-11 November 1998. Correspondence, conference schedule, maps, accommodations.
- 6-7 Oracle XVII – St. Michaels, Maryland [Washington, DC area], 18-21 November 1999. Conference schedule and list of participants.
- 8-9 Oracle XVIII – Helsinki, Hanassari – The Swedish-Finnish cultural Centre, Espoo, Finland, 22-14 November 2000. Program, participants, registration form. [photocopies courtesy of Stuart Alexander]
- 10 Oracle XIX – San Diego, CA – Museum of Photographic Arts, 15-18 November 2001. Conference schedule, list of participants. [Photocopies courtesy of Stuart Alexander]
- 11-12 Oracle XX – Cologne – Bad Honnef, Germany, 14-17 November 2002. Program, participants, registration form. [Photocopies courtesy of Stuart Alexander]
- 13 Oracle XXI – Goa, India, Taj Village and Aquada Fort, Goa, 7-13 December 2003. Announcement and registration form. [Photocopies courtesy of Stuart Alexander]

6. Tom Beck (Chief Curator at University of Maryland) and Antony Penrose (Director Lee Miller Archive)
7. John P. Jacob (Magnum and Inge Morath Foundation), Bodo von Dewitz (Museum Ludwig Koln), Noriko Fuku (independent curator)
8. Alison Nordstrom and Anne Tucker
9. Nathan Lyons and Roy Flukinger
10. Podium
11. Carolyn Peter and Roy Flukinger
12. Arthur Ollman and Verna P. Curtis (LC)
13. James Enyeart and Arthur Ollman
14. 1839 Wine with Arthur Ollman

Series 3: Artifacts and memorabilia, 1997-2012

Extent: 1 box

Box Folder

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Given to attendees:

Ceramic dish, Oracle 1997, Patzcuaro, Mexico

Pocket calendar, Oracle 2012