

# CRANBROOK

## ARCHIVES

### **Cranbrook P.M.**

Records, 1975-1994 (bulk 1991-1993)  
1.4 linear ft.

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## **History**

Cranbrook P.M., a program of continuing education and outreach, was started by the Cranbrook School Mother's Council in 1973 as a fund-raising effort. The concept was patterned after Henry David Thoreau's "uncommon school" in *Walden*, where people could pursue lifelong studies. The first series of evening classes enrolled fifty-eight students.

From 1973 to 1976, Cranbrook P.M. continued to be run by rotating chairpersons from the Mother's Council, with Margot Snyder acting as advisor. As Cranbrook P.M. grew, it became more difficult to find volunteers from Mother's Council who would commit the necessary time to the paperwork. In fall of 1976, a part-time secretary was hired to work with volunteer course coordinators, with Margot Snyder assuming overall responsibility. The Cranbrook P.M. offices moved to Cranbrook House in spring 1978. Additional staff was added to accommodate the growing number of course offerings. In the mid 1980s, Jeannette Keramedjian joined the staff as director. As the program continued to grow, Keramedjian felt that the original purpose of Cranbrook P.M. – to augment the financial aid funds of Cranbrook School – was no longer feasible. She believed Cranbrook P.M. should be self-supporting, and its revenues used to cover staff salaries, office expenses, promotion, facility use and instructor costs. She also looked for a greater unity between the programs offered and the different Cranbrook institutions.

As the cost to run the programs rose, so did the class fees. Despite course offerings taught by prominent figures in their field, Cranbrook P.M. could not continue to sustain itself. By the mid 1990s, Cranbrook P.M. discontinued operations.

## **Scope and Content of Collection**

The bulk of the collection reflects the programs offered by Cranbrook P.M. The folders are arranged chronologically by year, and then alphabetical by type of program.

## **Box Number--Description**

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### **Box 1**

1. 1975 - Catalog
2. 1976 - Catalog
3. 1977 – Catalog
4. 1978-1979 - Catalog
5. 1978-1980 – Administrative Correspondence
6. 1979 – Training Programs
7. 1979 – Catalog
8. 1980 - Catalog
9. 1981 – Catalog
10. 1982 – Administrative Correspondence
11. 1982 - Catalog
12. 1982 –China Study Tour
13. 1983 – Advisory Committee
14. 1983 - Catalog and photography guidelines
15. 1983 – Lectures
16. 1983 – Study Tour to England
17. 1984 – Catalog
18. 1985 – Catalog
19. 1986 – Catalog
20. 1987 – Catalog
21. 1987 – 1993 – Elderhostel
22. 1988 – Catalog
23. 1989 – Administrative Correspondence
24. 1989 – Catalog
25. 1990 – Catalog
26. 1990 – Classes – Computer
27. 1991 – Class Programs and Activities
28. 1991 – Classes – Art, Cartooning, Jewelry, and Sculpture
29. 1991 – Classes – Brookside
30. 1991 – Classes – Computer
31. 1991 – Classes – Foreign Languages
32. 1991 – Classes – Great Books Series, writing workshops
33. 1991 – Lecture Series
34. 1991 – Lectures – “Arts of Indonesian” & “Mysteries of Mexico”
35. 1991 – Lectures – “Auction for Buyers & Sellers” & “Paralyzing P’s Procrastination Perfectionism”
36. 1991 – Lectures – “Career Management”
37. 1991 – Lectures – “Discovering the Real King Arthur”
38. 1991 – Lectures – “The Glories of Autumn Gardening” & “The Diminutive Garden”
39. 1991 – Lectures – “Mahatma Gandhi”

40. 1991 – Lectures – “Not for Polite Conversation” & “Sex, Religion, Politics, and Art”
41. 1991 – Lectures – “Patient Advocate and Living Will” & “Personal Money Matters”
42. 1991 – Lectures – “Surviving the Financial Jungle”
43. 1991 – Lectures – “Take Something Like a Star”
44. 1991 – Lectures – “Saarinen Architecture”
45. 1991 – Lectures – World Affairs Series
46. 1991 – Midwest Soccer Clinic
47. 1991 – Photography Seminar and Workshop
48. 1991 – Staff Contracts/Summer Programs
49. 1991 – Tour – “Adventures in Good Taste”
50. 1991 – Tour – Cleveland Museum
51. 1991 – Tour – George G. Booth Dream
52. 1991 – Tour – Royal Afternoon Tea at the Townsend
53. 1992 – Class Schedule and Activities
54. 1992 – Classes – Art
55. 1992 – Classes – Cartooning
56. 1992 – Classes – Computer
57. 1992 – Classes – Creative Writing
58. 1992 – Classes – Foreign Language
59. 1992 – Classes – Great Books Series
60. 1992 – Classes – Screenwriting and Feature Writing
61. 1992 – Cranbrook Theater School
62. 1992 – Cranbrook Writers’ Conference
63. 1992 – Detroit Social Club/Softball; Lake Jonah Swimming
64. 1992 – East-West Ambassadors; Midwest Soccer Academy
65. 1992 – Fore & Aft Summer Camp
66. 1992 – Kingswood Cabin Rentals
67. 1992 – Lectures – “Art History” & “Photography as an Art Form”
68. 1992 – Lectures – “Challenge of the Dead Scrolls”
69. 1992 – Lectures – “Diminutive Garden” & “Water Gardens”
70. 1992 – Lectures – “God Gave You a Funny Bone” & “On Your Own in the Unknown”
71. 1992 – Lectures – Great Decisions Discussion Series
72. 1992 – Lectures – Humor & Health
73. 1992 – Lectures – “Myths & Legends of the Ancient World”
74. 1992 – Lectures – “World of Quilts”

## **Box 2**

1. 1992 – Oakland County Math & Science Programs
2. 1992 – Salon Series – “Belian Art Center
3. 1992 – Salon Series – “An Evening of Art and Music”
4. 1992 – Seminar – “Living With the Land”

5. 1992 – Tour – “Adventures in Good Taste”
6. 1992 – Tour – “George Booth’s Dream”
7. 1993 – Cranbrook Theater School
8. 1993 – Day Camps
9. 1993 – Enrichment at Cranbrook
10. 1993 – Kingswood Cabin Rentals
11. 1993 – Midwest Soccer Academy
12. 1994 – Classes
13. 1994 – Day Camps
14. 1994 – Kingswood Cabin Rental