

Peace Across the Border: The International Peace Garden With Canada

In 1929, plans to construct the International Peace Garden along the border separating Canada and the United States began. The stone cairn in the garden was dedicated on July 14, 1932. Today, the garden continues to be a symbol of peace between the two countries. This pathfinder will lead researchers to several resources available at the North Dakota State Archives highlighting the International Peace Garden.

Archival Collections

10432 La Vern C. Neff Papers

Papers consist of correspondence, memoranda, reports, notes, financial statements, plans, proposals, studies, legal documents, minutes, and printed material relating to administration of the State Historical Society, management of historic sites, design and construction of the North Dakota Heritage Center, Yellowstone-Missouri-Fort Union Commission, State Parks Committee, Fort Buford, Garrison Lake Resort Committee, and the Lewis and Clark Trail Commission.

10435 Greater North Dakota Association Records

Minutes include by-laws, financial statements, resolutions, and minutes of the Executive Committee, Industrial Committee, Board of Directors, and joint meetings with the North Dakota Automobile Association. Minutes relate primarily to administration of the Association, tourism, promotion of economic development, Missouri River diversion plans, plans to establish the Theodore Roosevelt National Park, and relations with the North Dakota Automobile Association prior to their split in 1925. The records also include documentation of various projects, including the ND Centennial, Vision 2000, ND 2000, and new wealth creation.

10470 Van Horn-Ritterbush Architecture Company Records

Architectural drawings, renderings, project logs, photographs, correspondence, and planning and construction files for various structures, mostly in North Dakota. The planning and construction files on specific projects contain correspondence, memoranda, billings, specifications, advertisements for building materials, architectural drawings, sketches, receipts, construction logs, and notes.

Useful Search Guidance

Subjects

- International Peace Garden
- "The Peace Garden State"

People

- Dr. Henry J. Moore

Locations

- United States and Canada international boundary line
- Dunseith, North Dakota
- Boissevain, Manitoba, Canada

Journal Articles

A History of the International Peace Garden
John A. Stormon – North Dakota History Vol. 31 Issue 4

International Peace Garden
North Dakota Blue Book 2021-2023 Page 163

10691 Roy Johnson and Louis Pfaller Collection

Newspaper clippings, articles, photographs, maps, pamphlets, and correspondence documenting the research of two historians, Johnson and Pfaller, on Major James McLaughlin, forts, battles, railroads, steamboats, exploration, pioneers, Native Americans, weather, murders, schools, missionaries, etc.

10993 Don Levingston Short Papers

Files relating to the legislative activities of the 86th, 87th, and 88th Congress. Includes correspondence with constituents and other legislators, newspaper clippings, copies of bills, and the Congressional Record.

11137 Preservation North Dakota Records

Records consist of by-laws, minutes, correspondence, grant applications and reports, financial records, and project records such as Picture North Dakota Churches and Hutmacher Farm. An organization dedicated to preserving and celebrating the architecture, historic places, and communities in the varied landscapes of the state.

11138 Merton Utgaard Papers

Program from the North Dakota Centennial Concert Band concert (1989), photographs, medal from the ND State Fair in Grand Forks (1938), and a scrapbook (photographs, clippings, ribbons, notes, reviews, programs, ticket stubs, contest reviews and ratings, broadsides and printed material) compiled by Merton P. Utgaard, music director, teacher, and founder of the International Music Camp at the International Peace Gardens.

11354 Ephemera Collection, (Box 4, Folder 6)

The ephemera collection contains a variety of materials which are arranged first by size, then by topic (in alphabetical order). The collection is primarily printed material such as posters, tickets, programs, brochures, and pamphlets.

11443 Minot State Teacher's College Records

The collection consists of student papers on state and local histories, teaching materials, speeches and other materials from students and teachers at Minot State Teachers College, news clippings about the College, Minot, and North Dakota.

20340 International Peace Garden, Inc. Records

Reports of the president, executive director, and treasurer.

30203 Historical Society. Administration, Superintendent's Correspondence

Consists of correspondence, memoranda, reports, and printed material relating to administration of the agency, research, state parks, acquisition of artifacts, books and records, and special programs. Also includes correspondence with state and federal agencies, press releases, bills and legislative testimony, and surveys and studies.

30241 Historical Society. State Parks, Civilian Conservation Corps Camp.

International Peace Garden

Series consists of project plans, applications, correspondence, and photographs concerning construction and operations of the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) at the International Peace Garden State Park. Records regarding the plans include correspondence, job estimates and allotment requests, job applications and completion records, photographs, and other memoranda.

30250 Historical Society. State Parks, International Peace Garden Records.

Series consists of reports, maps, by-laws, applications, budgets, and correspondence concerning construction and operations.

30254 Historical Society. State Parks, Park Construction

Consists of monthly narrative reports concerning the construction of the International Peace Garden, Fort Abraham Lincoln State Park, Turtle River State Park (Grand Forks State Park), and the north and south units of Theodore Roosevelt National Park. The reports contain detailed text and photographs. Also included are photographs of CCC projects at Turtle River State Park.

30257 Historical Society. State Parks, International Peace Garden Records

Series consists of drawings, specifications, contracts, bids, correspondence, memoranda, reports, and estimates relating to construction of the park.

31743 Parks and Recreation Department. Tourism Division Records

Contains correspondence with other North Dakota state agencies; correspondence and dealings with national, regional, and state associations; Old West Trail information; records of activities with various associations and committees; minutes, membership reports, objectives, and conference agendas; records dealing with Cooperative Marketing Program, Familiarization (FAM) tours, the Governor's Photo contest, the Hospitality Training Program, Indian Tourism development, major tours, marketing plans, National Tourism Week, North Dakota Tourism Week, and Sport Shows/Exhibitions; information on Travel Industry Awards, foreign relations, international marketing, ideas for tourism in the state, and the Six State Centennial project; information on ND Tourism staff (interoffice memos, photos), Film Commission correspondence and information, and information center correspondence and records; and photographs used for tourism promotion, publications, and other activities.

Books

The International Peace Garden: Promise of Peace

2016 - Kari L. Barchenger, Memories Forever Photography LLC

Call Number: 635 B243i 2016

The International Peace Garden: A Symbol and a Challenge: An Address

1947 - delivered by D.G. McKenzie

Call Number: 719.32097 M1565i

A Dream Come True: A History of the International Music Camp, 1956-1983

1991 - Merton Utgaard

Call Number: 780.78784592 U897d 1991

America's Living Symbol of Good Will: The International Peace Garden

1961 - words, Henry Sunderland; music, Gene Brooks

Music, notated

Call Number: 781.599 B873a 1961

A Brief Look at Dunseith, North Dakota: Gateway to the International Peace Gardens

1960 - compiled by Community Development Corp., Dunseith Commercial Club, Otter

Tail Power Company

Call Number: 978.4592 D922c Rolette 1960

International Peace Garden: North America's Living Lesson of Good Will

1947

Call Number: 978.4592 I612 1947

Commemorative Guide: International Peace Garden, 50th Anniversary, 1932-1982

1982 - written and edited by Brian D. Marshall

Call Number: 978.4592 M367c

A Promise of Peace: Commemorating 200 Years of Peace and Dedicated (2016) to

Peace Between Two Great Nations: Canada and the United States of America

2016

Call Number: 978.4592 P965 2016

International Peace Garden

General Information File

International Music Camp

General Information File

Online Resources

The Peace Garden Grows

Donald Crighton—Richland County Farmer-Globe article from June 16, 1939

SHSND Photobook

State Historical Society of North Dakota's Online Search Portal for all digitized photographs

Digital Horizons

Online consortium of historic photographs from the collections of the State Historical Society of North Dakota

WorldCat

State Historical Society of North Dakota's publication search portal

External Resources

[Peace Garden](#)

Current website for the International Peace Garden

[International Peace Garden](#)

North Dakota Tourism website

State Archives

For more information related to the collections and resources available at the North Dakota State Archives, please email archives@nd.gov or call (701) 328-2668.



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