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Oak Lake Writers' Society Records

COLLECTION SUMMARY

IDENTIFIER

MA 103

TITLE

Oak Lake Writers' Society Records

DATES

1989-2016

PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

2.94 linear feet [7 document cases]

NAME OF CREATOR(S)

Oak Lake Writers' Society

LANGUAGE

English

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ABSTRACT

The Oak Lake Writer's Society hosts annual retreats for Indigenous writers. The focus of the retreat is to strengthen and preserve Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota culture, oral traditions, and histories. This collection is composed of materials related to the Oak Lake Writers Society and their summer retreats

HISTORICAL NOTE

The Oak Lake Writer's Society emerged from annual retreats at South Dakota State University's Oak Lake Field Station starting in 1993. The society and annual retreats are open to Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota (Oceti Sakowin) writers. The focus of the retreat is to strengthen and preserve Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota culture, oral traditions, and histories. The society hopes to reaffirm Dakota, Lakota, Nakota peoples' political status and regulate outside misconceptions of the culture. Each year the society invites astute Indigenous writers to share their experiences with prospective Oceti Sakowin

writers. Some examples of Indigenous writers that have been invited to speak are Elizabeth Cook-Lynn, Joseph Marshall III and Craig Howe. The retreat serves as an outlet for Oceti Sakowin people to continue their own writing and to receive feedback on them. To showcase the society members' writings, they have also compiled them into two books. Their first book is Sapa Woihanble (Black Hills Dream) which provides Oceti Sakowin perspectives on the Black Hills. Their second book is This Stretch of the River which focuses on providing a Oceti Sakowin response to the Lewis and Clark narrative.

CONTENT AND ARRANGEMENT

CONTENTS NOTE

This collection is composed of materials related to the Oak Lake Writers Society and their summer retreats. A large portion of the collection is email correspondence between Charles Woodard, a member of the English department at South Dakota State University, and applicants. Folders also contain newspaper clippings, application forms, written stories, and funding materials.

SUBJECT HEADINGS

- Oak Lake Writers' Society
- Oak Lake Writers' Society – Literary collections
- Dakota Indians – Literary collections
- Lakota Indians – Literary collections
- Indians of North America – South Dakota – Literary collections

RELATED MATERIALS

PUBLICATIONS

Renville, Florestine Kiyukanpi, and Oak Lake Writers' Society. *We're Still Here : Oak Lake Writers 20th Anniversary Publication*. 2013. Print.

Archives/Upper level: PS508.I5 W47 2013

Howe, Craig Phillip., Kimberly. TallBear, and Oak Lake Writers' Society. *This Stretch of the River*. South Dakota]: Oak Lake Writers' Society, 2006. Print.

South Dakota Collection/Upper level: F592.4.T44 2003

Woyake Kinikiya : A Tribal Model Literary Journal. (1994). Print.

South Dakota Collection/Upper level: PS508.I5 W69

Howe, Craig Phillip., Lydia Whirlwind Soldier, Lanniko L. Lee, and Oak Lake Writers' Society. *He Sapa Woihanble : Black Hills Dream*. St. Paul, Minn.: Living Justice, 2011. Print.

South Dakota Collection/Upper Level: E99.D1 H4 2011

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CONTAINER LIST

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Box	Folder	Description	Date(s)
1	1	Applicants	1994-1996
1	2	Lowell Amiotte	1993-1996
1	3	History	1994-1996
1	4	Participants	1995-1997
1	5	Writings	Undated
1	6	Retreat History	1994
1	7	Mentors	1996-2000
1	8	Indian Ed Summit	2006
1	9	Devils Tower	1989
1	10	Reflection Papers	Undated
1	11	Environment (1 of 3)	1990
2	1	Environment (2 of 3)	1990
2	2	Environment (3 of 3)	1990
2	3	English Ed	1991-1993
2	4	Enemy Swim Course	1999
2	5	Elders	2000
2	6	Economic development	1990s- 2000s
3	1	Grants	1990s
3	2	Letters	1993
3	3	Writings	1993
3	4	News Stories	1993
3	5	Clippings	1993
3	6	Joyzelle Godfrey	1994
3	7	Correspondence	1994
3	8	Correspondence	1995
3	9	Correspondence	1996
3	10	Retreat	1999
3	11	Education 2000's (1 of 3)	2000
4	1	Education 2000's (2 of 3)	2000
4	2	Education 2000's (3 of 3)	2000
4	3	OakLake Writers' Retreat Story	2000
4	4	Retreat History	2000
4	5	News Articles	2000
4	6	Oak Lake News Stories	2000
4	7	Writings	2001
4	8	Retreat	2001

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5	1	Writings	2002
5	2	Retreat	2002
5	3	Retreat	2003
5	4\	Correspondence	2003
5	5	Retreat	2004 February
5	6	Correspondence	2004
5	7	Retreat	2005
5	8	Retreat	2005 February
5	9	Correspondence	2005
5	10	Correspondence	2006
6	1	Retreat	2007
6	2	Correspondence	2007
6	3	Retreat	2008
6	4	Article	2008
6	5	Retreat	2009
6	6	Correspondence	2009
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6	10	Retreat	2011
6	11	Correspondence	2011
6	12	Writings	2012
6	13	Oak Lake Writers Society	2012
7	1	Oak Lake Writers Retreat	2012
7	2	Chuck Woodward Photos, essays, etc	2012
7	3	Correspondence	2013
7	4	Anniversary Conference	2013
7	5	Oak Lake Film	2014
7	6	Retreat	2016