Dianne Longson – UBC Campus Photograph fonds

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Fonds Description

1,750 35 mm. negatives.
6.5 cm. of textual material.
13 compact disks.

Biographical Sketch

Dianne Longson enjoyed a close connection with UBC for over four decades as an employee or student. In the mid-1970’s she worked in accounting, Dean’s Office, Faculty of Education. In the 1980s, Longson obtained a UBC Arts degree (English Literature). In the 1990s, she returned to campus as an Administrative Assistant to the VP, Finance and Administration and when the VP retired, she moved to Treasury department and remained there until her retirement in 2008.

Throughout her long affiliation with the University Longson developed a deep appreciation for the beauty of the Point Grey campus and she spent considerable time recording the details of the unique natural features and buildings in the various seasons through photography. Longson took considerable time honing her photographic skills having taken a photojournalism courses at Langara University, fine art photography courses during her undergraduate degree at UBC, and she attended many seminars, fine art classes and workshops. Longson’s work has been exhibited on and off campus.

Scope and Content

The fonds consists of approximately 1,750 35 mm. negatives of photographs taken between 1994 and 2008 by Longson. Over the years several of her images were used to illustrate Christmas and other greeting cards for various University units. Selective prints from the negatives have been scanned and added to the on-line photographic database. The fonds also includes some printed and electronic samples of the cards created from the Longson images and digital copies of a number of the images stored on CDs.

Notes

Title based on the contents of the fonds.

Inventory available.
Item List

Box 1

Printed Material

1-1/3    Samples of greeting cards created using Dianne Longson photographic images (1995-2009)

1-4    Samples of other UBC cards

1-5    Copy of Continuing Studies Course Guide using Dianne Longson images (Fall 2001)

1-6    Miscellaneous Printed material

Box 2

Compact Disks

    Christmas Cards

2-1    VP Academic & Provost (2002)

2-2    Treasury (2002)

2-3    VP Administration & Finance (2002)

2-4    Applied Science, VP Administration, Board of Governors, Treasury, SPP (2003)

2-5    Utilities (2005)

2-6    Treasury, Utilities (2006)

2-7    Treasury (2007)
Miscellaneous digital copies of photographs (most are copies of analog images)


2-10 UBC snow scenes – Graduate Student Centre, Green College, University Centre patio and garden, Long House, Cecil Green, Botanical Garden (January 2005)

2-11 UBC – Summer – Museum of Anthropology, Graduate Student Centre fountain ("Transcendence"), Nitobe Garden (2006)

2-12 UBC snow scenes – Old Administration Bldg., Student Union Bldg., golden birch, Stone garden, Koerner Library (November 2006)

2-13 UBC Main Mall (2007)

**Photographs**

Photographs UBC 175.1/1-69, 72-78 have been added to the UBC Historical Photograph collection. Consisting of a total of approximately 1,800 35 mm. negatives of UBC campus images, a selection of 341 images have been scanned and added to the Archives’ on-line photographic database.

UBC 175.1/70  Album of 113 colour prints selected by Longson

UBC 175.1/71  Three colour photograph enlargements

Main Library (n.d.)

View of Howe Sound from Cecil Green Park (n.d.)

Japanese Bell Tower with Asian Centre in the background (n.d.)