

Guide to the **Writers Association of the Ithaca Area Collection**

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COLLECTION DESCRIPTION

The Writers Association of the Ithaca Area was founded in 1935, and its meetings and goals remain much the same as it enters the twenty first century: At monthly meetings, members read aloud works in progress to elicit comments and receive encouragement; the goal is eventual publication, and the members trade information about how to sell what is written. Joint meetings with speakers and public readings of finished work occur as well. This collection contains the Association's presentation of its own history (scrapbooks, memoirs, photos), membership lists, manuscripts read at monthly meetings of the poetry and prose groups and at public events, business records, and publications of both the Association and of its individual members.

CONTAINER LIST

Box 1

Two scrapbooks (1954 – 1989 and 1989—1993)
and notebook of membership lists.

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Box 2

A "Decade Notebook" for each of the decades
1930s—1960s containing business documents;
membership lists; minutes and announcements of meetings;
treasurers' reports; reports of publication status of poetry
and prose written by members; and materials from 54th
birthday celebration, including history of each decade
written for the celebration.

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Bank statements for 1961—1966.

Folder 1

Box 3

“Decade Notebook” for 1970s and 1980s.

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File for 1990s.

Folder 1

Box 4

Work read at monthly poetry and prose group meetings, Sept. 1964—May 1977.

Folders 1—13

Box 5

Work read at monthly poetry and prose group meetings and at public readings, fall 1977—spring 1988.

Folders 1—21

Box 6

Work read at monthly poetry and prose group meetings and at public readings, fall 1988—spring 1992.

Folder 1—10

Box 7

Work read at monthly poetry and prose group meetings and at public readings, fall 1992—December 1998.
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Box 8

Works read at poetry group meetings, 1999 and 2000.

Folders 1, 2

Lois O’Connor files containing some manuscripts and correspondence; research material for articles, including 1977 *Bibliography of Women’s Diaries*, three *White Pine Architectural Monographs*, and publication of Norman Kent woodcuts of Pleasant Valley Wine Company.

Folders 3—12

Box 9

Submissions and business papers for the Writers Association’s 1995 and 1998 anthologies (see Decade Notebooks for more business papers for anthologies).

Folders 1, 2

Page proofs for Association’s 1998 anthology (bound book not in this collection).

Folder 3

Association's members' poetry and prose published
in *The Ithaca Journal* and *The Grapevine*, 1980s.

Folder 4

The Writers Association's anthologies; publications
written by individual Association members.

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Box 10

Publications by members of the Writers Association.

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