

Kansas City Art Commission Award Photographs Landmarks Commission

The Kansas City Art Commission Award Photographs form one portion of the larger Kansas City Landmarks Commission Collection (P34 series). Award winning structures are featured in this portion.

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Kansas City Landmarks Commission
Title: Kansas City Art Commission Award photographs
Dates: 1964-1988
Size: 3 boxes, 122 color photographs
Location: P34-2

Administrative Information

Restrictions on access: Unrestricted access.

Additional physical form available: Photographs have been digitized.

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Collection Description

Scope and content note

At the time of its receipt, the collection consisted of 122 mounted color photographs and four panels of textual background information from the period when the photographs were on public display. The photographs depict winners of a biannual award for excellence in urban design granted by the Kansas City, Missouri Municipal Art Commission from 1964 through 1988. The photos document buildings, neighborhoods, parks, signage, streetscapes, gardens, and other features of the built environment that were considered to have enhanced the visual beauty of the city.

The collection was processed in August, 2005, when each print was placed in a stable, acid free environment. All the photographs in the collection are 8" x 10" color prints. When received by the library, each had been mounted for public exhibit. These mountings varied in material from tape and cardboard to foam core, each frame measuring approximately 15" x 15". Many of these mountings were showing considerable wear, and it was decided that the best strategy for long term preservation of the prints was to remove them from the frames. In most cases the prints were easily removed intact. Some of the prints had been mounted with adhesive directly onto foam core or thick cardboard, in which case excess portions of the backing were cropped, but the prints were left mounted.

Each photograph bore a small label noting the year the subject in the photo received its award, as well as the name of various individuals or organizations responsible for that particular structure or location, such as its owners, designers, builders, creators, etc. Often these labels included a brief textual explanation of

the architectural importance of the award winner, and reasons why it was chosen for recognition. A large number of these labels were beginning to separate from the backing to which they were attached with adhesive; each was removed, photocopied onto acid free paper, and the copy filed along with the print it describes.

Collection Inventory

Box 1

- **Folder 1** - Barcodes, photocopies of mounted description panels.
- **Folder 2** - Photographs - #1- Office building restoration, 1730 Walnut (1980); #2 - Residence landscaping, 4320 Rockhill Road (1980); #3 - Henry Moore's Sheep Piece sculpture (1978); #4 - Swope Park Zoo Nursery for Baby Animals (1978); #5 - Hills of Walden Townhouses, 58th Street and Northwood Road (1976).
- **Folder 3** - Photographs - #1 - Office of Frederick Truog & Associates, Architects, 43rd and Madison (1984); #2 - Union Hill Townhouse, 3030 Grand (1984); #3 - H. Roe Bartle Exposition Hall (1978); #4 - Westport Bank (1978); #5 - Residence, 3649 Pennsylvania Avenue (1978); #6 - Penn Park Medical Center Building, 2929 Baltimore (1970).
- **Folder 4** - Photographs - #1 - Andre's Swiss Pastry Shop, 5018 Main Street (1970); #2 - Romanelli Shops, Gregory and Wornall Roads (1965); #3 - Notre Dame Place, 3730 Locust (1965); #4 - Inner City Park, 27th and Madison (1964); #5 - Searcy Creek Parkway, M210 and Parvin Road (1976).
- **Folder 5** - Photographs - #1 - Nazarene Publishing House landscaping, 2923 Troost (1976); #2 - I.C.P. Office Building renovation, 1001 W. 43rd Street (1980); #3 - North Patrol Division facilities (1978); #4 - Parkway 600 Grill, 600 Ward Parkway (1988); #5 - Manor Square, 508 Westport Road (1988).
- **Folder 6** - Photographs - #1 - Ten Central Car Park, 10th and Central Streets (1988); #2 - Residence, 1020 or 1021 West 57th Terrace (1968); #3 - East Gate Sculpture, 45th and Oak (1968); #4 - Landmark Building, 3901 Main Street (1986); #5 - 1220 Washington Building (1986).
- **Folder 7** - Photographs - #1 - 39th and Main restoration/renovation, 3822-3850 Main Street (1988); #2 - Rehabilitation Institute Industries, 12th and Troost (1986); #3 - Westport House, 4100 Waddell (1984); #4 - 49-63 Neighborhood fountain, 58th and Lydia (1984); #5 - Library Building (Miller Nichols), UMKC (1970).
- **Folder 8** - Photographs - #1 - Intense Care Facilities, Juvenile Detention Home (1972); #2 - Troost Lake Restoration, 28th-29th and Troost (1976); #3 - Service Station, Armour and Troost (1968); #4 - Residence, 6029 Wornall Road (1968); #5 - Grisafe Memorial Plaza, 1524 Paseo (1970).
- **Folder 9** - Photographs - #1 - Central Bank of Kansas City; #2 - Nob Hill Apartments (1972); #3 - Penn Valley Community College courtyard; #4 - Bunker Building (1978); #5 - BMA Tower and Plaza, Southwest Trafficway and 31st Street (1964).

- **Folder 10** - Photographs - #1 - Monroe and Lefebvre Office Building, 1021 Pennsylvania (1968); #2 - KCI Administration/Control Tower; #3 - Union Park Row Houses, 29th and Main Streets (1986); #4 - Avila College, 11901 Wornall Road (1966); Main Street Plaza, Muse of Missouri Fountain, 6th to 9th on Main (1964).
- **Folder 11** - Photographs - #1 - Commerce Tower Plaza and Sunken Garden, 9th and Main (1966); #2 - Missouri Division of Employment Security, 1411 Main (1968?); #3 - Minute Circle Friendly House, 2405 Elmwood (1968); #4 - Kemper Arena, 1700 Wyoming (1976); #5 - Garfield Rehabilitation area, Garfield North of Independence Avenue (1968).

Box 2

- **Folder 1** - Photographs - #1 - Westmoreland Building, Broadway between 74th and 75th Street (1968); #2 - Residence at 3505 Thompson; #3 - Barry Miller residence, 1610 West 47th Street (1986); #4 - Vest Pocket Park, Waldron between 26th and 27th (1970); #5 - Dutch Hill Place Apartments, 611 E. 25th Street (1982).
- **Folder 2** - Photographs - #1 - Gateway Sporting Goods Company, 1009 Main Street (1968); #2 - Westport Square; #3 - Salvation Army Westport Center, 500 W. 39th Street (1976); #4 - Southwestern Bell Regional Headquarters; #5 - Freeway Plaza, 13th and Park (1976).
- **Folder 3** - Photographs - #1 - Crown Center Square (1974); #2 - Jackson County State Bank; #3 - Professional Parks Plaza (1972); #4 - Residence addition, 701 E. 45th Street (1988); #5 - The Palace, 12th and Grand (1988).
- **Folder 4** - Photographs - #1 - United Missouri Bank Corporate Headquarters, 10th between Grand and Walnut (1988); #2 - Clay County Courthouse Annex, 1901 N.E. 48th Street (1988); #3 - UMKC Quadrangle, 51st and Holmes (1988); #4 - Children's Mercy Hospital canopy entry, 24th and Gillham Road (1986); #5 - 8880 Ward Parkway Building (1986).
- **Folder 5** - Photographs - #1 - Hyde Park Town Homes, 3735-45 Gillham Road (1986); #2 - Metropolitan Community Colleges Administrative Center, 3200 Broadway (1986); #3 - Cliff House Apartments, 4518 Holly (1970); #4 - Service Station, Gregory and Wornall Roads (1964); #5 - Fire Station #30, 7538 Prospect (1970).
- **Folder 6** - Photographs - #1 - Martin Luther King Junior High School and Mary Weeks Elementary School, 43rd and Indiana (1970); #2 - Dunn Park, Woodland and Meyer and Tower Park, 75th and Holmes (1965); #3 - Commercial Union Building, 211 West Armour (1965); #4 - Paul Hamilton Company Sign (1964); #5 - Emery Bird Thayer, Plaza store sign, 47th and Broadway (1964).
- **Folder 7** - Photographs - #1 - Linden Hill Town Homes, 96th and Lydia (1968); #2 - Lincoln High School addition, 2111 Woodlawn (1968); #3 - Medial strip on the Plaza, 47th Street between Nichols Parkway and Madison (1964); #4 - Spencer Chemical and Biological Sciences buildings, UMKC (1972); #5 - Residence, 521 Olive (1988).
- **Folder 8** - Photographs - #1 - Raphael Hotel, 321 Ward Parkway (1976); #2 - Kansas City, North water tower, by Worlds of Fun; #3 - Feline exhibit, Kansas City Zoo; #4 - Mulkey Neighborhood Council Park (1972); #5 - Quality Hill redevelopment, 11th and Broadway (1988).

Box 3

- **Folder 1** - Photographs - #1 - East 23rd Street neighborhood markers, corners of 23rd and Cleveland, 23rd and Jackson, 27th and Myrtle, and 27th and Jackson (1984); #2 - Flower stalls downtown (1978); #3 - Bicentennial Water Windmill, 2928 N.E. 43rd Street (1976); #4 - City Bank wall graphic, 18th and Grand (1982); #5 - Residence, 2501 Holmes (1978).
- **Folder 2** - Photographs - #1 - Pomona Court on the Country Club Plaza (1972); #2 - Parks and Recreation Department, construction signs (1972); #3 - Boulevard student sculpture program (1972); #4 - Prospect of Westport; #5 - Satchel Paige Memorial Stadium, 3500 E. 51st Street (1984).
- **Folder 3** - Photographs - #1 - Missouri Court of Appeals building, 13th and Oak (1984); #2 - Kansas City Power and Light Company Crosstown substation, 18th and Holmes (1970); #3 - Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral and Center for the Diocese of West Missouri expansion, 415 W. 13th Street (1980); #4 - Thayer Place, 816 Broadway (1984); #5 - Gastinger residence, 5727 Central (1984).
- **Folder 4** - Photographs - #1 - Residence, 2725 Indiana (1982); #2 - Metro passenger shelters, Kansas City Metropolitan Area (1980); #3 - Sebree Galleries, 301 E. 55th Street (1980); #4 - Valley Lake, Swope Park Zoo (1980); #5 - Residence, 855 Rockwell Lane (1980).
- **Folder 5** - Photographs - #1 - Court of the Penguins, Country Club Plaza (1980); #2 - Gumbel Building, 8th and Walnut (1984); #3 - Row House building, 34th and Main (1984); #4 - Yankee Smith grist mill, Hodge Park, 6800 Northeast Barry Road (1980); #5 - Spirit of Freedom Fountain, Brush Creek between Benton and Cleveland (1982).
- **Folder 6** - Photographs - #1 - Jack Straw's courtyard (outdoor restaurant), #1 Westport Square (1980); #2 - Friendship Village (1972); #3 - Sycamore Groves (1978); #4 - Dutch Hill residence and office, 2500 Holmes (1984); #5 - HNTB office building, 9200 Ward Parkway (1982); #6 - Gillham Plaza renovation, 310 E. Armour Blvd. (1980).

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