

## **MS-589: Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley Records**

**Collection Number:** MS-589

**Title:** Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley Records

**Dates:** 1986-2007

**Creator:** Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley

### **Summary/Abstract:**

In June 1986, the Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley (NPSMV) was created for the purpose of promoting and preserving native plants and their habitats through education, sponsorship, and cooperation. The not-for-profit society was organized exclusively for scientific purposes. NPSMV was a local chapter of the Native Plant Society of Ohio, and membership was open to all those interested in the purpose and goals of the organization. The NPSMV Records include administrative and communications documents as well as those pertaining to the organization's efforts toward the establishment and preservation of the Little Beaver Creek Prairie in Greene County. NPSMV ceased operations in 2007.

**Quantity/Physical Description:** 2.33 linear feet, and 18.5 megabytes

**Language(s):** English

### **Repository:**

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**Acquisition:**

In June 2016, the Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley Records were donated to Wright State University Libraries Special Collections and Archives by Nancy Bain, former president of the Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley.

**Accruals:** No further accruals are expected.

**Separated Material:**

Original electronic media has been separated to the E-Archive. One oversize document has been separated to oversize storage.

**Other Finding Aid:**

The finding aid is available on the Special Collections & Archives, Wright State University Libraries web site at <https://www.libraries.wright.edu/special/collectionguides/files/ms589.pdf>. It is also available in the OhioLINK Finding Aid Repository at <http://ead.ohiolink.edu/xtf-ead/>.

**Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements:**

A computer capable of reading file formats CSV, PDF, DOC, LBD, MDB, TIF, and GIF will be required to view original electronic records. All DOC files have been converted to PDF/A for preservation purposes. All readable LBD/MDB (Microsoft Access) database files have been exported to CSV for preservation; however, some were not able to be opened. A light-box would be helpful to view the 35 mm color slides, and negatives.

**Related Material:**

[MS-389: Beaver Creek Wetlands Association Records](#)

[MS-501: Marie Aull Papers](#)

MS-586: Aullwood Audubon Center and Farm Records

**Processing Information:**

As received, less than one-half of the collection was organized chronologically by year, and the remainder is organized by document type. The collection is now arranged by document type, and then by date.

**Processed by:**

Finding aid written according to DACS standards by Joseph H. Weldinger, April 2019.

**Arrangement:**

The collection consists of three series:

Series I, Administrative, 1986-2007

Series II, Communications, 1986-2007

Series III, Little Beaver Creek Prairie, 1986-2000

**Biographical/Historical Note:**

The Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley was formed in June 1986 under the direction of Marie Aull (1897-2002) and Paul Knoop for the purpose of promoting and preserving native plants and their habitats through education, sponsorship, and cooperation. The not-for-profit

society was organized exclusively for scientific purposes. NPSMV was a local chapter of the Native Plant Society of Ohio, and membership was open to all those interested in the purpose and goals of the organization. In Greene County, the society was instrumental in the creation and preservation of the Little Beaver Creek Prairie, approximately 2.5 acres of wet prairie that were placed in jeopardy by new road construction. The prairie was formally dedicated on September 10, 1988. NPSMV ceased operations in 2007.

***Source Citations for Biographical/Historical Information:***

Constitution and By-Laws. Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley. August 19, 1991 [Untitled Document]. Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley. n.d.

**Scope and Content Note:**

Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley Records contains organizational documents including: Constitution and By-Laws, amendments, Code of Ethics, meeting minutes, membership rosters, newsletters, brochures, correspondence, newspaper articles, project records, 35 mm color slides, color photographs, posters, and electronic data from 1986-2007.

Series I, Administrative, includes founding documents, meeting minutes, lists of officers, membership rosters, and timelines of upcoming events. Some materials in this series are available in electronic format. Materials in this series are arranged by subject and then by date from 1986 to 2007. Meeting minutes are organized by their verbatim title, e.g Board, Regular, and General. This is the largest series in the collection.

Series II, Communications, includes correspondence, newsletters, invitations, brochures, flyers, and educational materials. Some materials in this series are available in electronic format. Materials in this series are arranged by subject and then by date from 1986 to 2007.

Series III, Little Beaver Creek Prairie, includes correspondence, handwritten notes, press releases, flyers, meeting minutes, color photographs, 35 color mm slides, and negatives pertaining to the establishment and preservation of the Little Beaver Creek Prairie wetlands. The bulk of the correspondence is between the Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley board member Mark Ray and Woolpert, an architecture, engineering, and geospatial company with which he was associated. Materials in this series are arranged subject and then by date from 1986 to 2000.

**Subject Terms**

**Persons/Families**

Aull, Marie, 1897-2002  
Bain, Nancy  
Knoop, Paul E., Jr., 1934-  
Ray, Mark

**Organizations/Corporate Names**

Native Plant Society of the Miami Valley

**Places**

Cox Arboretum (Ohio)  
Little Beaver Creek Prairie (Ohio)  
Wegerzyn Gardens Metropark (Ohio)

**Subjects (General)**

Botany – Ohio Miami River Valley  
Plants, Protection of  
Plants – Study and teaching  
Plants – Ohio Miami River Valley  
Communication in wetland conservation

**Material Types**

Correspondence  
Minutes (administrative records)  
Newsletters  
Photographs  
Slides

## Collection Inventory

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
<b>Series I: Administrative</b>			<b>1986-2007, undated</b>
1	1	Constitution and By-Laws, amendments, Code of Ethics	1986-1991
1	2	Financial statements	1986-2006
1	3	Lists of officers and committees	1986-2000, undated
1	4	Membership lists	1986-2007, undated
E-Archive		Membership lists	Circa 1999
E-Archive		Membership forms	Circa 2000
E-Archive		Address Labels	Circa 2005-2006
1	5	Board of Directors meeting minutes/agendas	1992-1993
1	6	Board meeting minutes/agendas	1990-2000
1	7	Executive Board meeting minutes/agendas	1988-1991
1	8	Executive Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1986
1	9	Executive Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1987
1	10	Executive Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1988
1	11	Executive Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1989
1	12	Executive Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1990
1	13	Steering Committee meeting minutes/agendas	1986
1	14	Annual meeting minutes/agenda	1991-1999
1	15	Annual Dinner meeting minutes/agendas	1986-2004
1	16	Business meeting minutes	1991
1	17	Meeting minutes/agendas	1990-2000
1	18	Regular meeting minutes/agendas	1996-1997
1	19	General meeting minutes/agendas	1986
1	20	General meeting minutes/agendas	1987
2	1	General meeting minutes/agendas	1988
2	2	General meeting minutes/agendas	1989
2	3	General meeting minutes/agendas	1990
2	4	General meeting minutes/agendas	1991
2	5	General meeting minutes/agendas	1992
2	6	General meeting minutes/agendas	1993
2	7	General meeting minutes/agendas	1994
2	8	General meeting minutes/agendas	1995
2	9	Sign-in sheets	1986-2002, undated
2	10	Sign-up sheets	1999, undated
Oversize		Sign-up sheet	2000
2	11	Internal documents	1991-2003
2	12	Handwritten notes	1990-2005, undated
2	13	Survey results	1996
2	14	Upcoming events	1986-2001, undated
2	15	Announcements	2000-2004, undated

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
2	16	Presentation outline	1996
2	17	Memorabilia: news articles and brochures	1996-2003, undated
2	18	Brochures	Undated
2	19	Visitors list	Undated
2	20	35 mm color slides	Undated
2	21	Color photographs	2000, undated
<b>Series II: Correspondence</b>			<b>1986-2007, undated</b>
2	22	Correspondence	1986
2	23	Correspondence	1987
2	24	Correspondence	1988
2	25	Correspondence	1989
2	26	Correspondence	1990
2	27	Correspondence	1991
3	1	Correspondence	1992
3	2	Correspondence	1993
3	3	Correspondence	1994
3	4	Correspondence	1995
3	5	Correspondence	1996
3	6	Correspondence	1997
3	7	Correspondence	1998
3	8	Correspondence	1999
3	9	Correspondence	2000
3	10	Correspondence	2001
3	11	Correspondence	2002
3	12	Correspondence	2003
3	13	Correspondence	2004
3	14	Correspondence	2005
3	15	Correspondence	2007
3	16	Correspondence	Undated
E-Archive		Correspondence	Circa 1999-2003
3	17	The Bark	1986
3	18	The Bark	1987
3	19	The Bark	1988
3	20	The Bark	1989
3	21	The Bark	1990
3	22	The Bark	1991
3	23	The Bark	1995
3	24	The Bark	1996
3	25	The Bark	1997
3	26	The Bark	1998
3	27	The Bark	1999
3	28	The Bark	2000

<b>Box</b>	<b>File</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date</b>
4	1	The Bark	2001
4	2	The Bark	2002
4	3	The Bark	2002
4	4	The Bark	2003
4	5	The Bark	2004
4	6	The Bark	2005
4	7	The Bark	2006
E-Archive		The Bark	1999-2007
E-Archive		The Bark Artwork	Circa 2000-2005
<b>Series III: Little Beaver Creek Prairie</b>			<b>1986-2000, undated</b>
4	8	Correspondence	1986
4	9	Correspondence	1988
4	10	Correspondence	1990
4	11	Correspondence	1993
4	12	Correspondence	1995
4	13	Correspondence	1996
4	14	Correspondence	1997
4	15	Correspondence	1999
4	16	Correspondence	2000
4	17	Correspondence	Undated
4	18	Handwritten notes	1986-1999, undated
4	19	Press releases	1993, undated
4	20	Flyers	Undated
4	21	Meeting minutes	1997
4	22	Signage	1995-1998, undated
4	23	Color photographs	1997
4	24	35 mm color slides	Undated
4	25	Color negatives	Undated