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Guide to the Vi Fogle Uretz Papers 1930-2003



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Descriptive Summary

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Title	Uretz, Vi Fogle. Papers
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Abstract This collection contains the papers of Vi Fogle Uretz (1916-2007), a University of Chicago alumna, artist and community activist. The collection includes material related to the organization of the 57th Street Art Fair and the threatened closure of the university's International House. Also included are samples of Uretz's artwork, such as sketches and photographs of urban renewal in Hyde Park.

Information on Use

Access

Series III contains videocassettes and audio tapes that are restricted due to re-formatting and equipment requirements.

The remainder of the collection is open for research, with no restrictions.

Citation

When quoting material from this collection, the preferred citation is: Uretz, Vi Fogle. Papers, [Box #, Folder #], Special Collections Research Center, University of Chicago Library

Biographical Note

Vi Fogle Uretz (1916-2007) was a University of Chicago alumna, wife of faculty member Robert B. Uretz, and an active member of the Hyde Park community. She was involved in many community organizations, including the radio station WFMT, the Hyde Park Historical Society, the 57th Street Art Fair, and the Cleaner Air Committee. As an artist, Uretz exhibited her paintings and sketches across the United States, as well as locally at the 57th Street Art Fair. Within the Hyde Park community, Uretz documented changes to the landscape of the city during urban renewal through her paintings, sketches and photographs.

Scope Note

This collection contains the papers of Vi Uretz and is divided into three series, each organized alphabetically.

Series I: Community Activities, contains materials related to Uretz's involvement with local organizations and events. Included here is information on the 57th Street Art Fair, highlighting the development of the 50th anniversary book, as well as materials from 57th Street Art Fair founder Mary Louise Womer. Boxes 1, 2, and 3 contain oversized materials relating to the Art Fair, including posters, photographs, and book layout pages. This series also contains information concerning University of Chicago events such as lectures, exhibits, and the threatened closure of the International House in 2000. Box 10 contains oversized materials relating to the University, including visual art information and a scrapbook.

Series II: Family, contains the late-nineteenth century correspondence of Agnes Seely, a relative of Uretz.

Series III: Artwork and Audio-Visual Materials, contains reproductions of Uretz's illustrations and a small number of originals, as well as photographs and slides of urban renewal in Hyde Park. This series also contains videocassette tapes of artwork and interviews for a documentary made for the 50th anniversary of the 57th Street Art Fair. Boxes 17 and 18 contain oversized materials, including slides and sketches relating to urban renewal.

Related Resources

The following related resources are located in the Department of Special Collections:

<http://www.lib.uchicago.edu/e/spcl/select.html>

57th Street Art Fair. Records

Subject Headings

- Uretz, Vi Fogle
- 57th Street Art Fair (Chicago, Ill.)
- Urban renewal -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Artists -- Illinois -- Chicago
- Women artists

INVENTORY

Series I: Community Activities

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57th Street Art Fair, 50th anniversary book layout pages with photographs, 1996-1997

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Folder 1

57th Street Art Fair, photographs by Nancy Hays, 1965-1980

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57th Street Art Fair, photographs omitted from the 50th anniversary book, 1958

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Greene-Mercier, Marie Zoe, correspondence, information and artwork, 1971-1996

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University of Chicago, Court Theatre, 2002

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, 2000-2001

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, Chicago Business, 2000

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, Chicago Maroon, 2000

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, Chicago Weekly News, 2000

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, Hyde Park Herald, 2000

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University of Chicago, International House, newspaper articles, University of Chicago Chronicle, 2000

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Folder 1

University of Chicago and Hyde Park, visual art information, 1980

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University of Chicago, "A Place Where the Remarkable Happens," n.d.

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University of Chicago Renaissance Society, material, 1934-2001

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Womer, Mary Louise, artists, 1959-1993

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Womer, Mary Louise, auction and memorial service, 1997

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Womer, Mary Louise, California artists, 1938-1995

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Womer, Mary Louise, Chicago Historical Society, annual reports, 1979-1980

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Womer, Mary Louise, exhibition calendars, 1950-1965

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Womer, Mary Louise, gifts to Chicago Historical Society, 1979-1991

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Womer, Mary Louise, Hyde Park Fine Art, 1991

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Womer, Mary Louise, list of art fair poster designers, 1948-1997

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"Womer and McCartney, Movies and Videos," 1996

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Womer, Mary Louise (nee Clifton), MFA thesis, "Folk Art of the Ozarks," 1941

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Womer, Mary Louise, receipts from art purchases, 1966-1979

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Correspondence, Agnes Seely, 1865-1880

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University of Chicago, former Deans of Biological Sciences, photographs n.d.

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University of Chicago, Harper Library, photographs, 1946

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University of Chicago, Learning Center, photographs, 1992

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University of Chicago, Mitchel Hospital construction, photographs, 1982

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Urban renewal, clippings of sketches, circa 1957

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Urban renewal in Hyde Park, slide show for the Hyde Park Historical Society, audiocassette tape, 1996

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Urban renewal, new town homes construction, demolition, moving signs, photo negatives, 1957-1964

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Urban renewal, demolition of Hyde Park, slides, 1957-1958

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"Urban Renewal 3," sketch, 1957

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"Urban Renewal 4," sketch, 1957

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Folder 1

Urban renewal, photographs, 1956-1957

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Urban renewal, photographs as seen for 5529 Dorchester, 1956

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Urban renewal, photographs and slides of demolition of church and hotel, 1957-1971

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"Urban Renewal", sketch, 1957

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Urban renewal, sketch, n.d.

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"Urban Renewal 5," sketch, 1957

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"Urban Renewal 6," sketch, 1957

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"Urban Renewal 49," sketch, n.d.

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"Urban Renewal 65," sketch, n.d.

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Urban renewal, "Brick Pickers," sketch, 1957

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Urban renewal, "Demolition of Kenwood Gardens 2," 1957

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Urban renewal, view looking west toward 5500 block of Kenwood Ave., sketch, 1957

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Urban renewal, University of Chicago Magazine, November 1957

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Womer, John, memorial service, audiocassette tape, 1996

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Womer, Mary Louise, videocassette tapes, 1985-1998