

Marjorie Then collection

Fonds No. C6

Physical Description: 10 cm of textual records (15 scrapbooks); 36 photographs

Date Range: 1971-1989

Administrative History/Biographical Sketch

Marjorie Then immigrated to Halifax from England in 1948 with her husband, Tadek, and children Vanda and Olza. They eventually moved to Smithers, B.C., to farm, and had four additional children: Carol, Jan, Gavin, and Alec.

Both Marjorie and her husband were interested in the Arts and began organizing events in the community. The couple first collaborated with the Swiss Club to present a 2-day Midsummer Night Festival in 1955. The event was held on the Thens' farm and ran for 3 years. Subsequently, in 1959, Marjorie and Tadek, along with others interested in acting, formed The Bulkley Valley Players. While Marjorie performed in many of the plays, she also worked as a producer.

Marjorie also took an active role on the Library Board and the Arts and Recreation Commission. Further, she, along with her husband, Jo and Gerry Brinkman, Jack and Gladis Burry, George Zuckerman, and Don and Hilda Bedows, formed the Concert Association. In 1972, Marjorie worked with a group to form the Smithers Art Gallery Association and open a gallery space. As well, she wrote a weekly column called "Downtown" for the Interior News, which highlighted local Arts, and had a 21-year run in the paper. In 1973, Marjorie petitioned to save the Central Park Building, which the Town of Smithers wished to demolish, so as to repurpose it as an arts and culture space.

In 2001, Marjorie moved to White Rock, B.C.

Scope and Content

This collection contains scrapbooks compiled by Marjorie Then during her involvement with the Smithers Art Gallery Association, and her time writing for the Interior News.

Immediate Acquisition

Scrapbooks were donated by Marjorie Then, possibly in 1998. They were used by a researcher to write a biography on Then and then returned to the Museum in 2001 where they sat until processed in 2018.

Scrapbooks

Series no.: **S1**

Part of: Marjorie Then collection

Related accessions: 2018.1

Physical description: 10 cm of textual records (14 scrapbooks)

Date range: 1971-1989

Scope and content

This series contains scrapbooks, which primarily contain newspaper clippings, gallery pamphlets and photographs.