

THE INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE OF METROPOLITAN DETROIT THE  
OLD WORLD MARKET FILES

Papers, 1945-1979

2  $\frac{1}{2}$  Linear feet  
5 scrapbooks

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The files of The Old World Market, a yearly community activity of the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit, were placed in the Archives of Labor and Urban Affairs by the Institute in September of 1980, and were opened for research in May of 1981.

The Old World Market dates from 1930, during the Depression, when the Institute was a part of the YWCA. It was conceived in an attempt to provide the local unemployed immigrants with an opportunity to sell handicrafts, family heirlooms, and homemade foods to help them through the difficult period. The market was successful and became a yearly event of the Institute, missing only 1944 because of World War II. Largely dependent upon volunteers who came from both the immigrant and native-born communities, it represented a broad spectrum of ethnic groups. In addition to aiding the unemployed immigrants of the Depression, in later years it expanded its goals to raise money to support other Institute activities and needs. A major goal has been to educate the public, and to create understanding between the diverse groups of the community.

The collection dates from 1945, at which time the International Institute of Metropolitan Detroit became an independent organization, and later a United Foundation-United Community Services funded agency. The material reflects the complex preparations necessary to organize and coordinate the markets. It also bears evidence of the changing economic, social, and historic framework in which they took place. The scrapbooks in addition contain non-Market related material of the period between 1945 and 1956.

Important subjects covered in the collection:

- The ethnic composition of Detroit
- The "melting pot"
- The preservation of an ethnic heritage
- Urban History
- Women's studies

Among the correspondents is:

- Sir Tyrone Guthrie

Contents

5 manuscript boxes

5 scrapbooks

Series I, The Old World Market, 1945-1946; 1946-1949; 1952-1979; Boxes 1-5: Correspondence relating to all phases of preparation, performance, and evaluation of the individual Old World Markets; committee member lists; minutes; applications for food, craft, and gift booths; volunteer applications, lists, and information; contracts; programs; performers and entertainment; floor plans; first aid and security arrangements; parking; maintenance; planning notes, staff assignments; expenses; evaluations; thank you party arrangements; financial statements and ledgers. The quantity and type of information varies from year to year. An Old World Market took place each fall or early winter, except for 1944; there were additional summer markets in both 1976 and 1977.

Non-manuscript material

There are five scrapbooks containing material relating to the Old World Market as well as to other International Institute activities. Material relating to specific years may be found in the following scrapbooks: 1945--scrapbook 1; 1949-- scrapbook 2; 1950--scrapbooks 2 and 3; 1951 and 1952--scrapbook 2; 1953 and 1954-- scrapbook 4; 1955 and 1956-- scrapbook 2; 1958--scrapbook 5. In addition, photographs relating to the Old World Market between 1945 and 1979 have been placed in the Archives' Audio-Visual Collections.

Series I

The Old World Market; 1945-1946; 1948-1949; 1952-1979

Boxes 1-5

Correspondence; minutes; applications; contracts; information sheets; programs; flyers; food, craft, and gift booth information; entertainment; staff duties and lists; volunteers; entertainment plans; layouts; programs; evaluations; financial statements and ledgers. Note that 1947 material is missing, and that material relating to 1950 and 1951 is to be found only in scrapbook 2. The files are arranged chronologically; the material within them is arranged according to topic and function.

Box 1

1. 1945-1946; 1948-1949; 1952-1956; minutes, publicity, evaluations
2. 1957-1958; minutes, volunteers, programs, finances
3. 1959; booths, programs, publicity, volunteers, finances
4. 1960; committees, booths, layouts, programs, finances
5. 1961; planning and evaluation reports, booths, volunteers
6. 1961 cont.; publicity, parking, programs, finances
- 7-8. 1962; reports and minutes, volunteers, programs, suggestions
9. 1962 cont.; publicity, clippings
10. 1962 cont.; first aid, flyers, finances
11. 1963; minutes, booths, contracts, volunteers
12. 1963 cont.; programs
13. 1963 cont.; publicity, first aid, thank you letters, finances
14. 1964; minutes, assignments, booths, volunteers, maintenance
15. 1964 cont.; programs, publicity, layout, suggestions, finances
16. 1965-1967; minutes, planning, flyer, first aid, finances
- 17-18. 1960-1967; ledger sheets
19. 1968; staff and booth information, flyers, invoices, finances
20. 1968 cont.; daily ledger sheets
- 21-22. 1969; minutes, planning, booth information and contracts
- 23-24. 1969 cont.; correspondence, booth applications

Box 2

1. 1969 cont.; booth lists, entertainment, volunteers
2. 1969 cont.; staff assignments, maintenance and security
3. 1969 cont.; flyers, correspondence, invitations, thank you letters
4. 1969 cont.; finances
5. 1969 cont.; press releases, publicity
6. 1969 cont.; clippings, media coverage
7. 1970; minutes, planning, food and craft booths
8. 1970 cont.; contracts, booth participants
9. 1970 cont.; publicity, parking, maintenance, first aid
10. 1970 cont.; correspondence, finances
11. 1971; staff and booth plans, volunteers, management, finances
12. 1971 cont.; publicity, clippings
13. 1972; correspondence, plans, staff and booth information

14. 1972 cont.; contracts, entertainment, participants
15. 1972 cont.; "Color Me International Coloring Book"
16. 1972 cont.; licenses, parking, correspondence, information sheets
- 17-18. 1972 cont.; pass lists
19. 1972 cont.; publicity plans and proposals, flyers, newsletter
20. 1972 cont.; publicity, "Detroit Adventure"
- 21-22. 1972 cont.; press releases
- 23-25. 1972 cont.; invoices, finances

## Box 3

- 1-2. 1972 ledger sheets
3. 1973; minutes, chairmen lists, licenses, official correspondence
- 4-5. 1973 cont.; booths, entertainment, contracts, schedules
6. 1973 cont.; floor plans, first aid, volunteers
7. 1973 cont.; reports, finances, thank you letters
- 8-9. 1973 cont.; media contracts, press releases
10. 1973 cont.; newsletters, posters, flyers
11. 1973 cont.; clippings
12. 1969-1973; Cash Receipts Journal
13. 1972-1973; Cash Disbursements Journal
14. 1974; minutes, planning, booths, correspondence, member lists
15. 1974 cont.; volunteers
16. 1974 cont.; staff duties, flyers, posters
- 17-18. 1974 cont.; publicity, press releases, finances

## Box 4

- 1-2. 1974 cont.; clippings
3. 1975; advisory committee members, plans, minutes
4. 1975 cont.; permits, first aid, maintenance, parking, tent information
5. 1975 cont.; booth, contracts, tickets, instructions, food information
6. 1975 cont.; craft and gift booths, staff appointments, instructions
7. 1975 cont.; volunteers, program, newsletter
8. 1975 cont.; publicity, clippings, thank you party and letters
9. 1975 cont.; evaluation, finances
10. 1976 summer; minutes, committees, correspondence
11. 1976 summer cont.; correspondence, layout, schedules, volunteers
12. 1976 summer cont.; publicity, clippings
- 13-15. 1976 summer cont.; handwritten planning notes
16. 1976 summer cont.; invitations, schedules, food booths
17. 1976 summer cont.; craft and gift booths, entertainment
18. 1976 summer Cont.; evaluations, financial statements
- 19-20. 1976 summer cont.; invoices
21. 1976 winter; advisory committee lists and minutes
22. 1976 winter cont.; licenses, correspondence, newsletters
23. 1976 winter cont.; invitations, lists, volunteers, layouts
24. 1976 winter cont.; food booths, contracts, busboys
25. 1976 winter cont.; entertainment
26. 1976 winter cont.; craft and gift booths
27. 1976 winter cont.; publicity

Box 5

1. 1976 winter cont.; clippings
2. 1976 winter cont.; evaluations, thank you letters, finances
3. 1977 summer; performers, clippings, publicity, invoices
4. 1977 winter; correspondence, "booths, minutes, committees, food
5. 1977 winter cont.; craft and gift booth, entertainment
6. 1977 winter cont.; publicity, flyers, assignments
- 7-8. 1977 winter cont.; volunteers, passes and information sheets
9. 1977 winter cont.; advance ticket sale requests, invitations
10. 1977 winter cont.; publicity, press releases, clippings
11. 1977 winter cont.; evaluations, thank you party, finances
- 12-14. 1977 winter cont.; invoices and receipts
15. 1978; committees, minutes, permits, first aid, volunteers
16. 1978 cont.; booths, flyer, invitations, thank you letters, clippings
17. 1978 cont.; evaluation, finances
18. 1978 cont.; invoices, purchase lists
19. 1979; evaluation sheets, planning , membership, floor plans