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AR088

Katy Madsen fonds

1. Fonds-level description

Title

Katy Madsen fonds

Dates

1957-1995

Extent

125 cm of textual records, 312 photographs, 106 maps, 4 chalk drawings

Biographical sketch

Catherine “Katy” Reed was born 7 February 1921 in Palo Alto, California. In 1942 she received a Bachelor of Science in biology from San Jose State University. While at university she met Harold F. Madsen (1921-1987), whom she married following graduation. The couple had three children, Robert, Carol, and Ken. In 1960 the Madsens moved to Summerland, B.C. for Harold to work at the Summerland Research Station, but returned to California shortly thereafter. In 1964, Katy and Harold moved back to Summerland after Harold took as job as head of entomology at the station. Now living permanently in Canada, Katy became involved with the local naturalist club and in environmental campaigns in the Okanagan region concerning Brent Mountain, Spotted Lake, and uranium mining. She was a founding director of the Sierra Club of B.C. in 1969; a Director of Pacific N.W. Chapter of the Sierra Club from 1970-72; and an active member of the South Okanagan Club on B.C. Nature Council, and the Okanagan-Similkameen Parks Society. Madsen also played a large role in the 1980 moratorium on uranium mining, which remains in effect. In 1982, she returned to painting portraits and landscapes, and moved to Victoria in 1993. In 2013 Madsen received the Queen’s Jubilee Medal for her conservation work. She died 7 July 2017 at age 97.

Scope and content

Fonds consists of correspondence, reports, clippings, photographs and hand-drawn maps that document Madsen's involvement in various environmental campaigns in the Okanagan region. Campaigns include: Bodega Head, 1962; Brent Mountain, 1961-92; Spotted Lake, 1978-89; Trout Creek, 1972-93; and Uranium, 1971-95. The fonds also includes several files on the Sierra Club, 1971-83; and the Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society, 1966-69; and 4 chalk drawings of landscapes.

Notes

Gift of Katy Madsen, January 1997.

2. Structure

(no series or files)

3. Inventory

Accession 1997-044

Box 1

- 1.1 Personal -- Resumes
- 1.2 Personal -- Photographs of Katy Madsen (2 photos)
- 1.3 Personal -- Photographs of portraits by Katy Madsen (17 photos)
- 1.4 Personal -- Press clippings, 1957-91
- 1.5 Personal -- Miscellaneous
- 1.6 Bodega Head USA -- Maps, reports and notes, 1962 (1 map)
- 1.7 Brent Mountain -- Bird Count, 1982
- 1.8 Brent Mountain -- Big Horn Sheep, 1961, 1969, n.d.
- 1.9 Brent Mountain -- Big Horn Sheep -- Photographs by Tom W. Hall Outdoor Photography, Penticton, 1968-69 (24 photos)
- 1.10 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1965
- 1.11 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1966
- 1.12 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1966
- 1.13 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence -- "History of Brent Mountain, #1-25"
- 1.14 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1966-71
- 1.15 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1970-72
- 1.16 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1972-74
- 1.17 Brent Mountain -- Correspondence, 1978-82
- 1.18 Brent Mountain -- Reports -- Cathedral Lakes, 1966
- 1.19 Brent Mountain -- Reports and correspondence, 1967-69
- 1.20 Brent Mountain -- Reports -- Katy Madsen, 3 March 1972
- 1.21 Brent Mountain -- Reports -- Forestry, 1972-74
- 1.22 Brent Mountain -- Reports -- Lodgepole Pine, 1974-75
- 1.23 Brent Mountain -- Reports -- Pine Beetle, 1970-78
- 1.24 Brent Mountain -- Reports and correspondence, 1976, 1977-78
- 1.25 Brent Mountain -- Reports and correspondence, 1979
- 1.26 Brent Mountain -- Reports and correspondence, 1980-86, 1992

Box 2

- 2.1 Brent Mountain -- Reports and correspondence (including Okanagan Mountain Park), ca. 1966-1980
- 2.2 Brent Mountain -- Maps -- Proposed Ski Resort, 1978 (2 maps)
- 2.3 Brent Mountain -- Maps, 1971-75 (4 maps)
- 2.4 Brent Mountain -- Maps (28 maps)
- 2.5 Brent Mountain -- Maps (10 maps)

- 2.6 Brent Mountain -- Press clippings, 1966-73
- 2.7 Brent Mountain -- Press clippings (including Greystokes), 1977-78
- 2.8 Brent Mountain -- Press clippings (including Greystokes), 1979
- 2.9 Brent Mountain -- Press clippings, 1980-81
- 2.10 Brent Mountain -- Photographs -- Apex Mountain (4 photos)
- 2.11 Brent Mountain -- Photographs -- Greystokes, ca. 1979 (31 photos)
- 2.12 Okanagan -- South Okanagan Parks (preceded OSPS) -- Minutes, 1966
- 2.13 Okanagan -- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -- Constitution & members, n.d.
- 2.14 Okanagan -- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -- Minutes, 1966
- 2.15 Okanagan -- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -- Minutes, 1967
- 2.16 Okanagan -- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -- Minutes, 1968
- 2.17 Okanagan -- Okanagan Similkameen Parks Society -- Minutes, 1969
- 2.18 Okanagan -- Okanageen Similkameen Parks Society -- Registration and grant, 1966-68
- 2.19 Okanagan -- Okanagan & Summerland -- Reports, 1973 1974, 1980
- 2.20 Sierra Club -- Correspondence, 1973
- 2.21 Sierra Club -- General, 1971-81

Box 3

- 3.1 Spotted Lake -- Correspondence and reports, 1979
- 3.2 Spotted Lake -- Press clippings, 1979-80
- 3.2a Trout Creet -- History and overview
- 3.3 Trout Creek -- Cartoons by Katy Madsen, 1974-75
- 3.4 Trout Creek -- Correspondence, 1972-74
- 3.5 Trout Creek -- Correspondence, 1975-81
- 3.6 Trout Creek -- Legal, 1974
- 3.7 Trout Creek -- Pamphlets (inc. Brent Mountain), some by Katy Madsen, 1971-74
- 3.8 Trout Creek -- Press clippings, 1971-73
- 3.9 Trout Creek -- Press clippings, 1974
- 3.10 Trout Creek -- Press clippings, 1974
- 3.11 Trout Creek -- Press clippings, 1975-79, 1981
- 3.12 Trout Creek -- Press releases and correspondence, 1973-75, 1993
- 3.13 Trout Creek -- Reports -- Channelisation projects (US), 1974
- 3.14 Trout Creek -- Reports -- Ecological overview, 1975
- 3.15 Trout Creek -- Reports -- Recreation (Preliminary), 1971
- 3.16 Trout Creek -- Reports -- Water, 1972-73
- 3.17 Trout Creek -- The Slide -- Reports, 1974, 1978
- 3.18 Trout Creek -- The Slide -- Maps (3 maps)

See also: Oversized Box 5 for files on Trout Creek maps and photos

See also: Oversized File 6 for file on Trout Creek Exhibit

Box 4

- 4.1 Trout Creek -- The Slide -- Photographs, negatives and photocopies, 1973-81 (193 photos plus negatives)
- 4.2 Trout Creek -- Photographs (including The Slide), 1974 (46 photos)
- 4.3 Trout Creek -- Photographs (including The Slide), 1974 (42 photos)
- 4.4 Uranium -- Correspondence, press releases and briefs, 1979
- 4.5 Uranium -- Correspondence, press releases, 1980-81, 1986, and n.d.
- 4.6 Uranium -- Maps, 1979-80, and n.d. (5 maps)
- 4.7 Uranium -- Magazines and newsletters, 1979-80
- 4.8 Uranium -- Press clippings -- Amchitka (USA) nuclear test, 1971
- 4.9 Uranium -- Press clippings, Dec 1977 - Dec 1979
- 4.10 Uranium -- Press clippings, 1980
- 4.11 Uranium -- Press clippings, 1981
- 4.12 Uranium -- Reports -- Department and Mines and Petroleum Resources, 1976-78
- 4.13 Uranium -- Reports and bibliography -- Uranium deposits, 1977-81
- 4.14 Uranium -- Reports and correspondence -- Okanagan forests, 1980-85
- 4.15 Uranium -- Reports -- "Lest we forget: an overview of uranium, thorium and radium in the southern interior of B.C. west of Okanagan Lake", 1995
- 4.16 Uranium -- Reports -- Royal Commission of Inquiry, "Health and environmental protection: uranium mining, 1979
See also: Oversized Box 5 for more files on Uranium
- 4.17 Miscellaneous -- Photographs of "Cathedral" and "Quiniseve" (3 photos)
- 4.18 Miscellaneous -- Press clippings on forestry and the environment), 1969-83
- 4.19 Miscellaneous -- Printed material
See also: Oversized Box 5 for more on Miscellaneous

Oversized Box 5:

- 5.1 Trout Creek -- Maps (11 maps)
- 5.2 Trout Creek -- Photographs
- 5.3 Uranium -- Maps, 1979-80, and n.d. (20 maps)
- 5.4 Miscellaneous -- Publicity and drafts by Katy Madsen

Oversized File 6:

- 6.1 Trout Creek -- Exhibit -- "Trout Creek Saga and Perpetual Slide," 1974
Includes maps, photographs. Press clippings were removed and added to the "Trout Creek -- Press clippings" file in Box 3 (75 photos / 4 maps)
- 6.2 Chalk drawings of landscapes (4 drawings)

INDEX to Newspaper acronyms in "Press clipping" files:

- COC Central Okanagan Capital News
- DC Daily Colonist
- KCN Kelowna Capital News

KDC	Kelowna Daily Courier
OC	Oliver Chronicle
OT	Osoyoos Times
PH	Penticton Herald (also, Town and Country Shopper)
SAO	Salmon Arm Observer
SR	Summerland Review
TCS	Town and Country Shopper (also, Penticton Herald)
TLR	Tri-Lake Recorder
TW	The Western
VDN	Vernon Daily News
VP	Vancouver Province
VS	Vancouver Sun
VT	Victoria Times
WA	Western Advertiser