

Title: The Wild Ones Collection

Reference Code: Mss-3344

Inclusive Dates: 1992 – 2015

Quantity: 1.7 cu. ft.

Location: BV, Sh. 086

Abstract: In 1977, noted environmentalist Mary “Lorrie” Otto led a natural landscaping workshop at the Schlitz Audubon Center. A group of nine who attended the workshop became avid followers of the concept of using native plants as an alternative to conventional lawns. The interest of that core group evolved into The Wild Ones, an organization devoted to promoting biodiversity and environmentally sound practices. By 1983, the number of members had increased to 65, and five years later, the group began publishing an organizational newsletter. Chapters were established across the country; as of 2017, there are more than 50 chapters nationwide.

Scope and Content: The collection includes correspondence, primarily between Lorrie Otto and her friend and Wild Ones member Ney Fraser Collier, newspaper clippings re Lorrie or general environmental issues, photos, and drafts/notes/biographical material Ney Fraser Collier used in writing articles and books concerning Lorrie and natural landscaping. Also included are audio cassette tapes of interviews with Lorrie and other members of The Wild Ones.

Access and Use: No restrictions

Language: English

Notes: Material donated by Ney Fraser Collier, December 2016.

Arrangement:

Folder Heading	Box #	File #
Articles About Lorrie Otto	1	1
Articles By Lorrie Otto	1	2
Correspondence: Letters from Lorrie Otto to Ney Fraser Collier, 1997-2010	1	3
Correspondence: Ney Fraser Collier, Miscellaneous (from Patricia Otto, Bob Ahrenhoerster, etc.)	1	4
Drafts/Biographical Info/Source Material re Ney Fraser Collier’s <i>Nature in the City</i> , <i>Outdoor Classrooms</i> and <i>Mending the Earth</i>	1	5
Lorrie Otto’s Funeral, 2010	1	6
Miscellaneous Environmental Material	1	7
Newspaper clippings	1	8
The Wild Ones/Riveredge Nature Center	1	9

16 audio cassettes and 5 DVDs: Interviews with Lorrie Otto and other Wisconsin environmentalists	2	Loose
56 audio cassettes: Interviews with Lorrie Otto and other Wisconsin environmentalists	3	Loose
Photos: See M-252		