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Collection 204
Trenton Council of Civic Associations
1985-2017

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History

The Trenton Council of Civic Associations (TCCA) was founded in the early 1970s and serves as an umbrella organization for various member organizations including civic associations and neighborhood groups from the City of Trenton. They hold monthly meetings and work to further the City's growth by supporting its member organizations and through events like their Taste Trenton restaurant crawl.

Scope and Content

This collection contains photographs, brochures, notecards, ephemera, and records relating to the TCCA. It is divided into three series: I. Organizational material; II. Events; III. Promotional items.

This material represent some of the influence of the TCCA in Trenton for the past 50 years, as well as the history of Trenton as represented by the TCCA.

Series Description

Series I. Organizational Material

This series contains organizational material, including a copy of the TCCA constitution, agendas and meeting minutes, member lists, and a pamphlet for the annual dinner held by the TCCA. This series helps shed light on some of the smaller, more day-to-day details involved in the functionality of the TCCA.

Series II. Events

A. Discover Trenton Photo Exhibit, 1985

The State Street Stroll was the successor to Heritage Days, which was a successful Trenton festival-type event with food, music, and art. The State Street Stroll, started in 1978, continued on a smaller scale after Heritage Days ended. It included the invitation for prominent Trentonians to return to celebrate a “homecoming.”

The “Discover Trenton” photo exhibit was on display in the State House rotunda during the State Street Stroll in 1985. It was produced by the TCCA and included a ten-panel display of photographs taken around Trenton commemorating the parks, playgrounds, historic buildings, neighborhoods, flowers, festivals, arts, entertainments, and other scenes.

The display was accompanied by a film, also produced by the TCCA that could be viewed during the State Street Stroll.

This series contains a majority of the photographs from this exhibit. After the exhibit had been taken down, at some point the photographs were separated from their caption cards and arranged into folders by subject. A good faith effort was made to identify as many photographs as possible. The series is arranged in two ways: by photographer (when identified) and by subject (when photographer cannot be identified).

B. Taste Trenton

The “Taste Trenton” restaurant crawl event first took place in 2015 as a one-day event. In 2019, it included 40 restaurants and spanned three days. Participants purchased wristbands that gave them access to special discount menus at each participating restaurant. The goal of the event was to feature the vibrant cultural cuisines available in Trenton. In 2020, the outbreak of the Coronavirus canceled the annual event, but the TCCA intends to continue the annual tradition in 2021.

The series includes brochures from the 2015, 2016, 2017, and 2019 editions of the event.

Series III. Promotional Items

This series contains a set of notecards drawn by Trenton artist Tom Malloy in 1994, presumably to be sold or given away as promotional material. The notecards are prints of drawings that depict historic buildings in Trenton with brief descriptions on the back.

Container List
Box/Folder Title

Series I. Organizational Material

1 / 1 / Organizational Material

Series II. Events

A. Discover Trenton

1 / 2 / Descriptive Panels and Diagrams

1 / 3 / Glen Afton candid

1 / 4 / Anna Kalandova

1 / 5 / Esther McDonald

1 / 6 / Esther McDonald

1 / 7 / Esther McDonald (Flowers)

1 / 8 / Esther McDonald*

1 / 9 / Nick Reilly

1 / 10 / Randal Salewski

1 / 11 / Rose San Fillippo

1 / 12 / Paul Vadonis

1 / 13 / Arts

1 / 14 / Construction

1 / 15 / Great Buildings [Historic Places]

1 / 16 / Neighborhoods

1 / 17 / Parks

1 / 18 / Playgrounds

B. Taste Trenton

1 / 19 / Taste Trenton

Series III. Promotional Items

1 / 20 / Notecards

Processing Note:

The information on the 83 photo caption cards was compiled and used to identify the unmarked photographs. Those that could not positively be identified or were deemed too vague in their description were kept in their “subject” folder (the subject terms on the original folders were retained). Some photographs could not be matched with a caption so it may be possible that the entire exhibit is not represented in this collection. The original caption cards were discarded to save space, as were the descriptive panels now located in folder 2 as photocopies.

Title	Photographer
The Feeder Delaware-Raritan Canal **	(D & R Canal Commission)
Hallowe'en	(Glen Afton candid)
Neighborhood Celebration Trenton Tercentennial	(Glen Afton candid)
City Hall - Trenton	Anna Kalandova
Crescent Shrine	Anna Kalandova
Lawyers Bronze by Johnson Atelier	Anna Kalandova
North 25	Anna Kalandova
North 25, Urban Renewal	Anna Kalandova
Trent House	Anna Kalandova
Trenton Free Public Library	Anna Kalandova
Artists Showcase Theater	Esther McDonald
Battle Monument **	Esther McDonald
Cannery South Village Renovation [2 images]	Esther McDonald
Cargo Crane Marine Terminal Park	Esther McDonald
Cedric at the Saloon Trenton Jazz Maker	Esther McDonald
Central West **	Esther McDonald
Cigar Factory Renovation	Esther McDonald
Colonial Avenue Renovated Housing	Esther McDonald
Eagle Tavern	Esther McDonald
Face Painting Heritage Days, etc.	Esther McDonald
Feast of Lights	Esther McDonald
Fishing Marine Terminal Park	Esther McDonald
Franklin Park **	Esther McDonald
Friends Meeting House	Esther McDonald
General Grant Cadwalader Park	Esther McDonald
Greenwood-Hamilton **	Esther McDonald
Hall Building Renovation **	Esther McDonald
Heritage Days [2 images]	Esther McDonald
Hermitage	Esther McDonald

Hillcrest	Esther McDonald
Hiltonia **	Esther McDonald
Korean Performers Heritage Days [3 images]	Esther McDonald
Log Basin Stacy Park	Esther McDonald
Mill Hill	Esther McDonald
Mill Hill Park	Esther McDonald
Miss Puerto Rico '85 Puerto Rican Festival [2 images]	Esther McDonald
Old Barracks Facade Renovation	Esther McDonald
Ordinary People Bronzes by Johnson Atelier [3 images]	Esther McDonald
Paper Parasol Chambersburg Arts, Crafts and Antiques Festival	Esther McDonald
Queen Anne Residence Berkeley Square Historic District	Esther McDonald
Reading Terminal Renovation	Esther McDonald
Recital Series New Jersey State Museum [2 images]	Esther McDonald
St. Michaels	Esther McDonald
State House Complex	Esther McDonald
State Street Stroll	Esther McDonald
Station Plaza I **	Esther McDonald
Trenton Makes Bridge	Esther McDonald
Zoo, Cadwalader Park [2 images]	Esther McDonald
Ellarslie – City Museum	Esther McDonald
19 th Century Immigrants **	Esther McDonald *
Baptism	Esther McDonald *
Brown Bag Concert Wednesday Noon New Jersey State Museum	Esther McDonald *
Building Ornaments [4 images]	Esther McDonald *
Dick Braytenbah	Esther McDonald *
Fireworks, July 4, 1985 [5 images]	Esther McDonald *
Greater Trenton Symphony **	Esther McDonald *
Greenwood-Hamilton Historic District **	Esther McDonald *
Local Dancers Mill Hill Playhouse [2 images]	Esther McDonald *
Mill Hill Playhouse	Esther McDonald *
Needlework and Egg Decorating – Local Cottage Industry	Esther McDonald *

New Jersey Planetarium State Cultural Complex	Esther McDonald *
New Jersey State Museum and Auditorium **	Esther McDonald *
Recital Series, Trinity Cathedral **	Esther McDonald *
St. Stanislaus Spires, Chestnut Park **	Esther McDonald *
Stained Glass Chandelier Bond Street Club Owner	Esther McDonald *
Trenton Commons	Esther McDonald *
Trenton Jazz, Mill Hill Saloon **	Esther McDonald *
Twilight Skyline	Esther McDonald *
War Memorial Auditorium [2 images]	Esther McDonald *
Wind Chimes: Bamboo Craft Guild Member	Esther McDonald *
Annual Roof-Top Ball	Nick Reilly
Warren Street Historic District **	Nick Reilly
Alena Old Trenton Historic District	Randal Salewski
Mill Hill	Randal Salewski
Ornamental Iron State House Historic District	Randal Salewski
West State	Randal Salewski
Shakey Bridge Stacy Park	Rose San Fillippo
Wedding **	Alex Senka
Delaware River Stacy Park **	Paul Vadonis
Glen Afton	Paul Vadonis
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*Photos marked with an asterisk were probably taken by Esther McDonald. Multiple description panels and caption cards state “photos by Esther McDonald except when noted.” It is unknown if the collection holds all the aforementioned caption cards, and it is possible that some of the unattributed photos may not have been taken by Esther McDonald.

**Could not be positively identified / matched