

# GEORGI MUSEUM & PARK CENTER RECORDS

## OVERVIEW OF THE RECORDS

- Repository:** Crandall Public Library – The Folklife Center  
Glens Falls, NY.
- Creator:** Board of Trustees of the Georgi Museum and Park Center
- Title:** Georgi Museum and Park Center Collection
- Dates:** 1989 - 1993
- Abstract:** Records of the Georgi Museum and Park Center while under the administration of the Museum Board of Trustees 1989 – 1993.
- Quantity:** 1 cubic foot (30 folders + two binders)
- Identification:** Archives & Manuscripts: Organizations

## HISTORICAL NOTE

The Georgi Museum and Park Center was chartered by the Education Department of the State of New York in October of 1990, pursuant to Article III of the will of Jessie Glen Georgi who died in December of 1988. Mrs. Georgi left her house and property to the Town of Salem for the purpose of creating an art museum, with the suggestion that a non-profit organization might be created to manage the museum. The Town Board of Salem recognized the Trustees of the Georgi Museum and Park Center as their agents to establish, direct and operate the museum. The museum officially opened its doors in September 1991.

Subsequent disagreements between the Museum Board and the Town Board over the management of the museum led to litigation and ultimately to the resignation of the Museum Board of Trustees. Administration of the museum then passed to the Town of Salem.

## SCOPE AND CONTENT OF THE RECORDS

This collection contains Minutes, Board Notes and Correspondence, newspaper articles, By-Laws, Mailing lists and other records of the Board of Trustees of the Georgi Museum and Park Center. This collection only covers the period of non-profit organization status, and terminates when the Town Board took control of the museum and the property in 1993.

## INDEX TERMS

- Topics:** Art

Museums

**Places:** Shushan (Town of Salem) Washington County, NY

**Important People:** Trustees:

Alexander, Steve  
Berger, Robert V.  
DeGarmo, Todd  
Gibson, John W.  
Gilchrist, Robert E.  
Inman, Charles  
Notas, John  
Oakley, Mary S.  
Palmatier, Tom  
Parke, Leslie  
Riggle, Winnie  
Smith, Cheryl  
Van Hook, George  
Walworth, Clifford L.  
Wilson, Sylvia B.

Members of the Town Board of the Town of Salem:

Ferguson, Bruce (Supervisor)  
Gilchrist, Gerald  
Ovington, Geoffrey

Marine Midland Bank, Executor and Trustee of the estate of Jessie  
Glen Georgi

Krogman, David Esq. attorney for the Town of Salem in the matter  
of the Georgi Museum

Oswald, Joseph, Esq. attorney for the Board of the Georgi Museum  
and Park Center.

**Form/Genre:** Records, papers

## **ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

**Preferred Citation:** Georgi Museum and Park Center Collection  
The Folklife Center at Crandall Public Library  
Glens Falls, NY.

**Accession Information:** Deposited at the Folklife Center by Todd DeGarmo, former secretary of the Board of Trustees of the Georgi Museum and Park Center.

**Processing Information:** Arranged and described by Erica Wolfe Burke, January, 2016

## **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE RECORDS**

### **Folders:**

1. Will, Town Resolution, and Charter
2. Paintings: 48 Old Master Paintings, Property of the Estate of Jessie Glen Georgi
3. Longterm Planning for Property, circa 1990
4. Board Notes, Letters, Correspondences, June 1990 to December 1992 kept by  
    Todd DeGarmo
5. "Opening Day Reception"      Sept 21,1991
6. Membership / Fundraising Letter, September 1991
7. "Welcome to the Georgi Museum, a preview"    Fall 1991
8. Art Donation, Dorothea G. Worcester Letter December 12, 1991
9. Board of Trustees, May 4 1992
10. Telephone Chain
11. Writing a Collecton Management Policy. Workshop at the Schenectady Museum November 23, 1992
12. Climate Control
13. "An Outdoor Reception" re: donation of portrait of Queen Elizabeth I, June 27, 1992
14. Book Sale, August 1,1992
15. Program: "Birds & People" co sponsored by Crandall Public Library

16. Program "Treasures from the Attic" 1992
17. Reading Room 1992
18. Mailing Lists
19. Special Bulk Third Class Mailings Privileges 1992
20. Membership / Fundraising Letter, Summer/Fall 1992
21. By Laws 1992 Revision & vote
22. Letter to Members, re: By Laws Changes, October 6, 1992
23. By Laws Change Reports (with membership vote) December 14, 1992
24. 1992 By Laws Ballots (manila envelope #1)
25. 1992 By Laws Ballots (manila envelope #2)
26. Letter to the Membership from Molly Oakley, Board President, December 1992
27. 1992 Annual Report, January 19, 1993
28. Program ideas for 1993
29. Grant: Conservation Assessment Program, Institute of Museum Services, 1993
30. Letter to the Editor (Board verses town of Salem) circa 1993

**Binders:**

Minutes circa 1989 - 1992

Newspapers Articles, 1989 to 1993