

Title: Museum of Northern Arizona Photo Archives – Northern Arizona Society of Science and Arts Prints

Dates: 1930s-1990s

Name of Creator(s): Museum of Northern Arizona staff including Leland Abel, John Adair, E. Capps, Harold S. Colton, S. Cooper, Robert Fronske, Marc Gaede, Parker Hamilton, Lyndon L. Hargrave, Neil Judd, A.J. "Lex" Lindsay, P. Long, M. Middleton, T. Nichols, L. W. Smith, C. Turner, W.M. Wells, and Barton Wright.

Organizational History:

In 1959, the Photography Department and position of Photographer created by director Dr. E. B. Danson, with Parker Hamilton as MNA's first Assistant in Photography, later that year promoted to Photographer. Prior to 1959, the photo archives were a part of the Publications Department but not under the management of a photographer. In 1960, a large-scale cataloging initiative of new and old prints, negatives, and slides was undertaken. A photography studio and cataloging room was established in Fleischman Hall (now Schaeffer) in 1965. An inventory was made of negatives in June 1969 which noted missing negatives. By the early 1980s the Photography Department became the Photo Archives, reflecting a shift in focus from active photography to preservation of and access to existing materials. An inventory of negatives was done again in February 1988 with notes made of missing negatives. The Photo Archives moved to the Library in 1995.

In 2005, the Photo Archives ceased operation as a department, and staff photography became the responsibility of the Marketing Department while the care of materials and use requests were the responsibility of the Library staff. The Photo Archives were made the responsibility of the Archivist in 2008. In 2013 the Photo Archives was moved from the Library in the Administrative building to the Archives in the Easton Collection Center. In December 2013, extensive conservation work was begun on sections of the Photo Archives with funding from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. Conservation care has continued with funding from a variety of sources like the NEH, Southwest Foundation, and the Arizona Historical Records Advisory Board.

Photographers associated with the MNA Photo Archives are:

- 1963 Paul Long, Jr., Photographer
- 1964 Carol Ruff (ASU), Assistant in Photography
- 1965 Nancy Jo Wright (NAU), Assistant in Photography
- 1966 Albert G. Smith, Photographer
- 1967 Ann Pollock Assistant in Photography
- 1968 Marc Gaede, Photographer
- 7/1969 Gayle Harrison, Photographer
- 9/1969 Glenn Abbeloos, Photographer
- 7/1970 Marc Gaede returns as Photographer
- 1973 Marc Gaede promoted to Chief Photographer
- 1973 Claudia Lucas, Mike Wallach, and Carroll Bennett, Assistants in Photography

- 1974 Mark Middleton and Ruth Eryn Sharp, Assistants in Photography
- 1975 Mark Middleton, Photographer
- 1977 Marc Gaede, Curator of Photography
- 1978 Mark Middleton, Museum Photographer
- 1983 Carol Burke becomes Photo Archivist
- 1994 Susan Olberding Photo Archivist
- 1995 W. James Burns Photo Archivist
- 1996 Tony Marinella Photo Archivist

Scope and Content: The Photo Archives contains silver gelatin prints, 35 mm slides (color and black and white), and acetate negatives. Subject covers the Colorado Plateau and the various research areas of the Museum of Northern Arizona. Broad topics include anthropology, archaeology, ethnology, paleontology, geology, Museum history, botany, and meteorology.

System of Arrangement: The Photo Archives is divided into series and then into multiple subseries. The series identifiers are listed below. Please review the individual series descriptions which contain tables showing the breakdown into further categories. Please use the identifiers listed in the individual series descriptions when making research requests.

Series Identifier	Series Name	Scope and Content
A	Archaeology and Physical Anthropology	Miscellaneous archaeological specimens from unknown sites, maps, diagrams, reconstructions; photos relating to human biology.
NA	Archaeological Survey	All photos associated with known numbered archaeological sites: views before and after excavation, artifacts, plans, reconstructions, etc.
B	Botany	
C	Crafts and Arts	All photos of art objects, painting, etc. except Native American arts which are placed under individual tribe in Ethnology. Also includes Craftsmen Shows at MNA.
D	Dendrochronology	Photos related to the study of tree ring dating and its use in the dating of archaeological sites.
E	Ethnology	All photos of Native Americans, Native American crafts, house, ceremonies, etc...; classified by tribe name.
EM	Environmental Modification	All photos associated with environmental modification by man and/or economic development in the Southwest.
Fr	Forestry	
G	Geology	
Gg	Geography	

H	History	
M	Meteorology	
N	Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art (NASSA)	All photos of MNA buildings, permanent exhibits, staff, conferences, etc...
P	Petroglyphs	Photos of rock art taken around the Southwest in relation to MNA projects.
Z	Zoology	

Conditions Governing Access: Due to cultural sensitivities and federal law, photographs documenting archaeological excavations are restricted to professional archaeologists if they show burials or other information that the tribes deem private. To view these materials, researchers must request permission from the appropriate tribal authority.

Physical Access: Materials may be unavailable due to conservation work or staff availability. Please make an appointment with the Archivist to view these materials.

Conditions Governing Reproduction and Use: Unpublished and published manuscripts are protected by copyright. Permission to publish, quote, or reproduce must be secured from the repository and the copyright holder.

Custodial History: Materials were created by various MNA departments and staff throughout the history of the museum. Please see the Organizational History for information on the creation of this collection.

Related Archival Materials: Museum of Northern Arizona Site Archives and Museum of Northern Arizona Institutional Record Group: Anthropology.

Related Museum Collections: Museum of Northern Arizona Anthropology Collection

Publication Note: Please use the photograph identification number provided by the Archivist in any citations or captions for these images.

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Series N: Northern Arizona Society of Science and Art (NASSA)

Dates:

Extent:

Scope and Content:

Series Identifier	Description
N1	Publicity photographs – <i>see also N9</i>
N2	Social occasions – parties, picnics, weddings, etc... - filed by year
N3	MNA meetings – Annual Members Night, Board of Trustees, staff, etc...
N4	Visitors to Museum of Northern Arizona
N5	Friends of the Museum of Northern Arizona

N6	Seminars (summer)
N7	Staff and associates – filed by year
N8	Dr. Harold S. Colton
N8A	Furniture
N8B	Paintings
N8C	Photographs – filed by year
N8D	Colton House
N8E	Colton Room at Pioneer’s Historical Museum
N8F	Documents
N8G – N8Z	OPEN SUBSERIES – NOT USED
N9	Publications, posters, etc...
N10	Sinagua Society – filed by year
N11	Member Events – filed by year
N12	Sedona Lecture Series; Muse Activities
N13	Meteoritical Society
N14	Museum of Northern Arizona Docents
N15	Museum of Northern Arizona Buildings and Surroundings
N15A	Women’s Club
N15B	Museum building
N15C	Research Center and Homestead – <i>see also N17</i>
N15D	Annex
N15E	Library
N15F	Fern Mountain Ranch
N15G	Parking lot and grounds or land
N15H	Nature Walk Trail
N15I	
N15J	Chicken Coop
N15K	Green House
N15L	Homestead – <i>see also N15c</i>
N15M	Peaks
N16	Museum of Northern Arizona – aerial views
N17	Museum of Northern Arizona laboratories – Early Research Center facilities
N18	Museum of Northern Arizona equipment, furniture and fixtures
N19	Museum of Northern Arizona Shop
N20	Storage – Research collections
N21	Miscellaneous items in Museum collection
N22	Permanent Traveling Exhibits
N23	
N24	Display of the Month
N25	Permanent Exhibits
N26	Special Exhibits – filed by year (<i>see also C21</i>)
N26(1942)	Volcanoes of Northern Arizona
N26(1956)	Meem’s Show on Southwestern Architecture

	Mission 66 Historic Maps Navajo Resources Exhibit Spencer Rock Show
N26(1958)	Juniper Control Show The Boring Story Apache Crafts
N26(1959)	Tobacco smoking devices display Shonto Show
N26(1960)	Glen Canyon Show Meteorology Show
N26(1961)	Publications display Exhibit
N26(1962)	Reservation Days Show
N26(1963)	Piki in Museum Mapping the Moon Outlaw River
N26(1964)	Moenkopi Show
N26(1965)	Salvage Archaeology
N26(1966)	Rio de Flag
N26(1967)	Space Exploration Exhibit
N26(1968)	Geology Special Exhibit
N26(1969)	Grand Canyon Explorer Exhibit
N26(1970)	Dams and Dilemmas Moon Rock Show
N26(1971)	Burial of the Magician
N26(1972)	Basket Show
N26(1973)	Contemporary Indian Ceramic Show
N26(1974)	Nampayo Show Bronze bust of Elizabeth White NEA Purchase Plan Display Earth Resources Technology Satellite exhibit Soil and Man Display
N26(1975)	Prehistoric Tortoise
N26(1976)	Sculpture by Jan Zach Northern Arizona Craftsmen Show Don Briggs Imagery Show Wilson Hurley Painting exhibit Voth Collection
N26(1977)	Pueblo Pottery exhibit at Post Office Solar Energy Show Life Forms – Images by Tome Whitham Flagstaff Handweaver Guild exhibit Fred Kabotie Show Judging of the Northern Arizona Art Invitational
N26(1978)	Sacred Paths

N26(1979)	Biology exhibit Navajo Pottery exhibit Blumenschein Family Art Exhibit Dick Arentz Photography Show
N27	Educational Projects
N28	Expeditions and reunions, collecting trips
N29	WPA Project
N30	Miscellaneous photographic items
N31	Museum of Northern Arizona conservation, collections conservation and restoration
N32 – N99	OPEN SUBSERIES – NOT USED
N100	Scientific Conferences (Geo Symposia filed under G1004)
N100A	Pottery Conference – filed by year
N100B	Pecos Conference – filed by year
N100C	Colorado Plateau Environmental Advisory Council – filed by year
N100D	Fern Mountain Ecology School
N100E – N100Z	OPEN SUBSERIES – NOT USED
N101	Other conferences and groups
N102	Seminars – filed by year
N103	Visiting scientists and researchers
N104 – N199	OPEN SUBSERIES – NOT USED
N200	SUNY Atmospheric Sciences
N201	
N202	
N203	
N204	Astrogeology