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Descriptive Summary:
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Quantity: .5 linear foot, 2 boxes
Language of material: English
Abstract: Consists of photographs, newspaper clippings, 35 mm color slides, correspondence and announcements that document the activities of long-term docent Albert W. Bussewitz who led tours, lectured, and captured the Arboretum landscape through his photographs.
Note: Access to Finding Aid record in HOLLIS.

Processing Information
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Acquisition Information
Provenance: The material was assembled by the staff of the Education and Public Programs department over the course of Albert W. Bussewitz’s association with the Arboretum and was transferred to the archives in 1995.

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**Biographical Note**

Albert W. Bussewitz (1912-1995) was born in Juneau, Wisconsin and attended Northwestern University. He was a former director of a number of Massachusetts Audubon sites including Moose Hill in Sharon, Stony Brook in Norfolk, and Rocky Knoll in Milton and was also president of the Thoreau Society (1970-1971). In 1980, he was awarded Master Member of the New England Camera Club Council and received the Richard D. Perkins Memorial Award from the Henry David Thoreau School of Wilderness Studies. He was honored by the Arboretum as Volunteer of the Year in 1993.

In 1978, after his retirement from Massachusetts Audubon, he and his wife Flora moved to Jamaica Plain and both began a long association with the Arnold Arboretum. Known to all as “Buzzy” he was an extremely active Arboretum docent between 1981-1995 leading tours, delivering lectures, photographing birds and the landscape, and creating exhibits. The collection contains a small selection of some of his photographic work, photographs of Bussewitz in the field leading tours, and images of his 80th birthday party and his memorial service; both were held at the Arboretum.

**Scope and Content**

Collection consists of photographs, photocopied newspaper clippings, 35 mm color slides, correspondence and announcements.

**Arrangement**

The collection is arranged in 2 series:

**Series I:** Biographical Material
**Series II:** Photographs and Slide Show

**Container List**

Box 1

**Series I:** Biographical Material

**Folder**

1. Images of Albert W. Bussewitz
2. Awards and Newspaper Clippings, 1980-1995
3. Fay School Correspondence, 1983
4. Obituaries and Memorial Service, 1995
5. “Photographs of the Massachusetts Flora” Exhibit, 2003-2004
Series II: Albert W. Bussewitz Photographs

Folder
1. 26 11x8½” laminated color images of flowers and fruits of Arnold Arboretum trees and shrubs
   • *Acer platanoides*: 4 images of buds, flowers, seeds
   • *Aesculus*: 3 images of buds, flowers
   • *Amelanchier*: 2 images of flowers
   • *Cornus*: 3 images of flowers, fruits
   • *Liriodendron tulipifera*: 5 images of buds, flowers, seeds
   • *Quercus rubra*: 3 images of acorns
   • *Syringa*: 6 images [one double-sided] of buds, flowers, seeds

2. Miscellaneous Photographs

Box 2
Series II: Slide Show
“Prelude to Spring” 1989 slide show created by Albert W. Bussewitz containing 98, 35mm slides of the Arnold Arboretum and an accompanied audio cassette comprised of narration timed to the slides by Bussewitz