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Archival Collection Finding Aid

Name/Title:	Gerald and Eleanor Bax Paperweight Collector's Reference Materials
Subject(s)	
Archival Collection #:	222
Accession #:	2008.37.1
Source:	Gerald and Eleanor Bax
Date Acquired:	7/29/2008
Span Dates:	1954 - 1976
Processor(s):	Alex Forist

Abstract:

This collection contains reference materials relating to paperweights and their makers. The material was gathered by Gerald and Eleanor Bax, along with a significant collection of glass paperweights (also donated to the Public Museum), during the 1960s and 1970s. The Bax's traveled all over the United States visiting glass works and collecting paperweights and materials about paperweights. This small library contains numerous reference books, periodicals, brochures, and transcripts, as well as a handwritten log book which catalogs their paperweight collection.

History:

Gerald and Eleanor Bax collected paperweights from all over the United States, Canada, and Europe during the second half of the twentieth century.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains several issues of the "Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association" from the late 1960s and early 1970s. There are also transcripts from the annual meetings of this group. The Bax's also donated numerous hardbound reference books about paperweights, other glassworks, and their makers. Finally there is a handwritten log book which catalogs their paperweight collection.

Series Descriptions:

No.	Series Name	Description
I.	Books	This series contains books about paperweights, glasswork, and glassworkers.
II.	Periodicals	This series contains nine issues of the "Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association" from the late 1960s and early 1970s.
III.	Ephemera	This series contains transcripts from the annual meetings of the Paperweight Collectors' Association and brochures about paperweights.

Container List:

Container	Folder	Series	Description of Contents	Dates	Count
Box 1		Books	Glass Paperweights of the Bergstrom Art Center	1969	1
		Books	One Hundred of the Most Important Paperweights	n.d.	1
		Books	American Glass Paperweights and Their Makers	1967	1

Box 2	Books	The Encyclopedia of Glass Paperweights	1969	1
	Books	Old Glass Paperweights	1963	1
	Books	Paperweights and Other Glass Curiosities	1954	1
	Books	American Glass Paperweights and Their Makers Rev.	1970	1
	Periodicals	Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association	1966-1967	1
	Periodicals	Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association	1968	1
	Periodicals	Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association	1969	1
	Periodicals	Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association	1970	1
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	Periodicals	Bulletin of the Paperweight Collectors' Association	1975	1
	Ephemera	Woman's Day Dictionary of Paperweights	1965	1
	Ephemera	Glass Paperweight Symposium Lectures	1976	1
	Ephemera	Glass Paperweight Symposium	1967	1
	Ephemera	Paperweights and How They Are Made at Wheaton Village	n.d.	1
	Ephemera	Glass Industry in Cambridge Still Much Alive	n.d.	1
Ephemera	Handwritten Log Book	n.d.	1	