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MYRNA KOSTASH

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Biographical Sketch:

Myrna Ann Kostash was born in Edmonton, Alberta in 1944. She attended the University of Alberta, receiving a Bachelor of Arts in 1965, majoring in Russian and French literature. After a further year of study at the University of Washington in Seattle she began work on her Master of Arts at the University of Toronto. She graduated with this degree in 1968.

Myrna Kostash is an investigative journalist and writer of regional and national acclaim. Kostash is the author of numerous books. Her articles and short stories have appeared in several anthologies, and extensively in periodicals such as *Chatelaine*, *Maclean's*, *Saturday Night*, and *Canadian Forum*. She has contributed radio, television, and film scripts to the CBC and the National Film Board, and has written stage plays. She has lectured widely in Canada and has taught courses, workshops, and seminars across the country. Myrna Kostash has been heavily involved with a number of professional organizations, serving on the executive of the Writers Union of Canada, the Periodical Writers of Canada, and the Alberta Writers Guild. She was on the Board of Directors of NeWest Press from 1982 to 1989. She was named Max Bell Professor of Journalism at the University of Regina for 1989 and 1990, and received the Alberta Achievement Award in 1989. Myrna Kostash resides in Edmonton.

Scope and Content:

This collection consists of 104 centimetres of textual records, 1 compact disk, 4 photograph cards and 15 photographs

The records in this collection include business, personal and literary correspondence, daily planners and material from her professional activities. The date ranges in this collection from 1958 to 2014.

Custodial History: This collection was deposited with Archives and Special Collections in September 2014.

Legal agreement: The legal agreement is pending.

Restrictions: There are several files that are closed in this collection.

Note on Arrangement: The donor's original file titles were maintained where possible, photographs were numbered and sleeved, and where necessary material in this collection was photocopied for preservation purposes.

Box 1		Awards	
		Canadian Authors Association	
		Alberta Branch	
	1	2009 Award Exporting Alberta	May 28, 2010
		Correspondence	
		Business	
CLOSED	2	2012	
	3	2013	
		From	
		Family	
	4	1965 – 1975 (includes photograph: # 1)	
	5	1985 – 1987 (includes photographs: # 2, # 3)	
	6	1992 – 1993	
	7	1993 – 1994	
		Family and Friends	
	8	2013	
Box 2	9	Special Occasion Greeting Cards (includes photograph card: # 1)	1990, 1992
	10	Ukrainian (includes Foreign Language) (includes photograph: # 4)	n.d., 1982, 1984 – 1991, 1993
	11	Janice Kostash, Elizabeth (Liz) Kostash, Verna Semotuk (includes photograph: # 5)	1965 – 1975
	12	Janice Kostash, Verna Semotuk, Elizabeth (Liz) Kostash, Lydia Semotuk and Others	1985 – 1987
	13	Ukraine Literary	n.d., 1988 – 1989
	14	Women Friends (includes photograph card: # 2) (includes photograph: # 6)	1965 – 1975
		Literary	
	15	2012 (includes CD: # 1) (includes photograph: # 7)	
	16	2013	
		To	
Box 3	17	Family	n.d., 1958 – 1959, 1971, 1974 – 1975, 1978, 1983 – 1985, 1987, 1989, 1996 – 1997
		Journals	
	18	Balkans [Contains the Following 1 Item] 1) Notebook (Purple and Yellow Tulips) – 2011	2011
	19	Calendars [Contains the Following 2 Items] 1) Blueline Calendar – 2011 2) Blueline Calendar – 2012	2011 – 2012
	20	Canadian Cultural Sovereignty [Contains the Following 1 Item] 1) Notebook ([bopuha Hedebe]) – n.d.	n.d.
	21	Demetrius Travel [Contains the Following 3 Items] 1) Notebook (Blue (Five-Star)) – 1999 2) Notebook (Blue (Hilroy)) – 2001 3) Notebook (Minas Collections) – n.d.	n.d., 1999, 2001
	22	Notebooks [Contains the Following 7 Items] 1) Notebook (Black and Red Book) – Serbia / Kier / London, 1991	n.d., 1991, 1995, 1997, 2000

		2) Notebook (Centar za geopoetiku) – Bajac, n.d.	
		3) Notebook (Enjoy – [3]) – Vladimin Boceu, n.d.	
		4) Notebook (Green Globus) – Balvest 2000, Sofia	
		5) Notebook (Lipa Blok V) – Belgrade, 1997	
		6) Notebook (Lipa Blok VI) – Palavestra, 1995	
		7) Notebook (Uni Pap – [4]) – Sirmium: Archaeological Investigations in Syrmian Pannonia, n.d.	
	23	Notebooks (Loose)	n.d., 1993
Box 4	24	Poland [Contains the Following 1 Item]	2004
		1) Notebook (African Art) – 2004	
		Personal	
CLOSED	25	Andriv “Pochaiv” Project (includes photograph card: # 3) (included photographs: # 8, # 9, # 10, # 11, # 12, #13, # 14)	2005 – 2014
		Correspondence	
		Family and Friends	
	26	Emails / Letters	2009 – 2012
	27	Postcards	n.d., 2012
	28	Special Occasion Cards	n.d., 2010 – 2012
	29	Thank you / Congratulations Cards (includes photograph card: # 4)	
CLOSED	30	Passports (includes 3 passports)	1997 – 2012
		Professional Activities	
		Alberta College Art and Design	
		Alberta Arts Day	
	31	Discover Experience Celebrate	September 6, 2008
	32	Alberta Council for the Ukrainian Arts (ACUA)	2011
		Audreys Books, Ltd.	
	33	Desire: Women Write About Wanting	May 8 [n.d.]
		The Banff Centre	
	34	Literary Arts	2008
		Campbell River Writers’ Festival	
	35	Words on the Water	[2007]
	36	The Canadian Club of Edmonton	January 23, 2008; December 15, 2010
	37	Canadian Conference of the Arts: National Arts Awards, 2002	November 28, 2002
		Canadian Literature Centre	
	38	Author Cabaret and Reception	March 1, 2010
		Canadian Mennonite University (CMU)	
		School of Writing	
	39	Spring Literary Festival	May 4 – 8, 2009, May 9 – 13, 2011
		Carrot Community Arts Café	
	40	Creative Nonfiction Cabaret	December 7, 2008
	41	Church – Past and Present	March 13, 2010
		The City of Edmonton	
	42	Book Prize	n.d.
		The City of Edmonton	
		Salute to Excellence	
	43	2006 Performance Awards	November 21, 2006
		[Additional information: see page 13]	
		The City of Edmonton	
		Salute to Excellence	
	44	58 th Annual Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony	June 9, 2009

		[Additional information: See page 9]	
CLOSED	45	Contracts	2008 – 2011
	46	Cornelia Street Café	
		3 rd Annual Ukrainian Night	May 31, 2008
		Creative Nonfiction Collective Society (CNFC)	
		Correspondence [Includes Agendas and Minutes]	
	47	2011 – 2012	
		2012 – 2013	
Box 5	48	1/2	
CLOSED	49	2/2	
		Edmonton International Literary Festival	
		LitFest	
	50	“Hot North”	2007, 2012
	51	Godfrey Dean Art Gallery	October 30, 2009
CLOSED	52	Grant Applications	2008 – 2011
		Hermenooytk Society	
	53	Interpreting Hermeneutics	January 30, 2011
		Institute for the Humanities	
	54	Grace MacInnis Visiting Scholar Program	Spring 2002
		Knjizevni Festival	
	55	Free the World	September 2011
		[Additional Information: See page 16]	
		McDougall United Church	
	56	Women’s Brunch	n.d.
	57	Northern Lights Library System’s 2012 Annual Conference	2012
	58	North Saskatchewan River Museum [Includes Agendas and Minutes]	2008 – 2009
		PEN (Poets, Essayists, Novelists) Canada	
	59	[2007] Writer in Exile Program	June 6, 2007
	60	Playwright’s Retreat in Vada, Tuscany [Calendar]	June 17 – 20, 2009
		Public Library	
		Edmonton Public Library	
	61	Alberta Readers’ Choice Award	n.d., April 17, 2010
		Lloydminster Public Library	
	62	Frog Lake: 125 Years Later	November 4, [n.d.]
		Regina Public Library	
	63	Public Forum	January 18, 1997
	64	Rhubarb Magazine – Special Issue (Special Guest Editor)	2011
		Saskatchewan Writers’ Guild	
	65	2010 Fall Conference and AGM (Annual General Meeting)	October 15 – 17, 2010
		Shevchenko Foundation	
	66	4 th Biennial Kobzar Literary Award	March 1, 2012
		The Sophia Institute	
	67	IV Annual Scholarly Conference	December 2, 2011
Box 6	68	St. Elia’s Newsletter and Mission Outreach Committee	2013 – 2014
	69	Studentski Kulturni Centar (Student Cultural Center)	September 20, 2011
		Theatre Alive and Salt Spring Celebration of Writers	
	70	Artspring	February 23, 2014
	71	Ukrainian Cultural and Educationa[L] Centre	April 30, 2011
		Ukrainian Foundation for College Education (UFCE)	
	72	13 th Annual Kyiv Konnection Banquet	May 4, 2006
	73	Ukrainian Museum of Canada	February 11, 2011
		Ukrainian Museum of Canada – Alberta Branch	
	74	[Kostash publication – Reading the River]	March 25, 2007
		Ukrainian Self-Reliance League of Canada	
	75	Award of Excellence Program	2007
		Ukrainian Studies Foundation	
	76	Conversations on Ukrainian Canadian Literature	April 29, 2011
		University of Alberta	

	77	Festival of Ideas	November 17 – 21, 2010
	78	Narratives of Citizenship Artists' Gala [Reading] Writing and Editing	March 24, 2007
	79	Astonishment in the World: Exploring Creative Nonfiction	November 23, 24, 25, 2007
	80	University of Alberta Campus: Parkland Institute Parkland Institute's Eleventh Annual Fall Conference [Additional information: See page 17] University of Alberta Press	November 16 – 18, 2007
	81	St. Peter's College University of British Columbia	February 7, 2011
	82	Congress 2008 – Thinking Beyond Borders Global Ideas: Global Values University of Manitoba	June 4 – 7, 2008
	83	[2009] Tarnawewy Distinguished Lecture	March 22, 2007
	84	Vancouver International Writers and Readers Festival (23 rd)	October 19 – 24, 2010
	85	Venture Magazine The Writers Guild of Alberta	2012
	86	Alberta Literary Awards 2008 [Additional information: See page 6]	June 7, 2008
	87	Writing the History Inscribing the Future The Writers Union of Canada (TWUC) Nominating Committee Correspondence 2012 – 2013	June 10 – 12, 2011
	88	1/2	
	89	2/2 2013 – 2014	
	90	1/2	
Box 7	91	2/2	
	92	Publication – Summer 2008, Volume 39, number 1	n.d., 2008
	93	Writers' Trust of Canada – 10 th annual	November 2, 2010
		Research Materials	
		Greece	1981 – 1983
	94	Alaghi "Changes" – General Assessments / Youth Anniversaries – Resistance and Civil War	1982 – 1984
	95	Background to Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK)	1981 – 1983, 1986
	96	The Countryside / Poverty – Environment / Tourism	1981 – 1984
	97	Culture – Media / Education / Church	n.d., 1984
	98	The Economy / European Economic Community (EEC)	1982 – 1984
	99	The Election / Reactions – Panhellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) Programme Before and After	n.d., 1985
	100	Greek Character – Ancient Greece (Diaspora / Hellenism – Views of Canada)	n.d.
	101	Internationalism / Poland – Anti-Americanism and Pro- sovietism	1981 – 1983, 1986
	102	Junta Years / Polytechnic	1974, 1982, 1984
	103	North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO): The Military – Cyprus and Turkey	1981 – 1983, 1987
		Writing by Myrna Kostash	
Box 8	104	Articles Frog Lake Reader Post-Production	2001, 2009 – 2013
	105	Correspondence (includes photograph: # 15)	n.d., 2009 – 2012

		Prodigal Daughter: A Journey to Byzantium	
		Post-Production	
CLOSED	106	Correspondence	2010 – 2011
	107	Reader's Copy	2008
		Writing by Myrna Kostash for the Stage	
		Catalyst Cabaret	
	108	1/2	1992 – 1993
	109	2/2	1992 – 1993