

# Elisabeth C. Miller Library Horticulture Slide Capstone Project

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**Overview:** This collection was originally intended to support academic reference and research. Through this project, we intend to set up an organized foundation for the Elisabeth C. Miller Library to digitize these materials on a manageable budget and make them available to support teaching and research in a more modern era of technology.

## Weeding

- Beginning collection ~ 45,000 slides, reduced to a core 6,501 slides
- Retained materials only related to:
  - University of Washington Botanic Gardens
  - Center of Urban Horticulture
  - Washington Park Arboretum
  - *any related people, events, and facilities*
- Most time-intensive portion of the process

- Created cataloging hierarchy for images in the categories of Plants/Landscapes, People, Events, and Facilities for each of the John Wott and Joy Spurr Slide Collections.
- Moved the slides from the plastic sleeves into the more preservation-appropriate slide boxes.
- Labelled boxes and placed tags to identify each category.

## Organize & Catalog

- Partnership with UW Libraries Digital Scholarship Department and Verletta Kern to participate in their Omeka software pilot.
- Created an online exhibit based off of available digital images and content drawn from interviews with Brian Thompson and Ray Larson.
- Omeka has the potential to act as a digital storage system for future digitization and digital preservation efforts with this collection.

## Exhibit Design

- Collected resources on slide preservation, digitization, and funding.
- Generated a report for the John Wott and Joy Spurr Slide Collections at the Elisabeth C. Miller Library based on their financial, preservation, and digitization needs.

Report includes:

- Preservation
- Digitization
- Budget
- Funding

## Research

## Images

