

# VILLAGE WRITERS' GROUP.

## Village Writers' Group records, 1979-1997

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### Descriptive Summary

**Creator:** Village Writers' Group.  
**Title:** Village Writers' Group records, 1979-1997  
**Call Number:** Manuscript Collection No. 657  
**Extent:** 2 linear feet (4 boxes), 3 oversized bound volumes (OBV), and 1 oversized papers box (OP)  
**Abstract:** Records of Village Writers' Group, including general records, printed material, and photographs of group members, speakers, and meetings.  
**Language:** Materials entirely in English.

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### Administrative Information

#### Restrictions on Access

Unrestricted access.

#### Terms Governing Use and Reproduction

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#### Source

Gift, 1988, with subsequent additions.

#### Citation

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#### Processing

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## Collection Description

### Historical Note

The Village Writers' Group (also known as VWG) began officially on January 22, 1980 when the Articles of Incorporation, Charter Seal, and Bylaws were adopted at a Board of Directors meeting after an Evening at Emory Course on "Unblocking Writer's Block," co-taught by DeKalb *News/Sun* editor Spencer Ragsdale and Neil Schuman, M.D., had ended in 1978. Reluctant to give up their regular meetings, the small band of writers decided to meet at Ed Green's Restaurant in Emory Village (hence the name for the group) and continue to offer one another professional support. Membership skyrocket from the original handful of members to over two hundred within the first few years of its founding. With the elections of Frances Patton Statham and Helen Friese to its presidency, the VWG further defined its mission and purpose, expanded its community services, and gained recognition from other art groups. By the late 1980s, the Georgia and DeKalb Council for the Arts were partially funding the group. Since its inception, literary luminaries such as Pat Conroy, Erskine Caldwell, and Anne Rivers Siddons have addressed their meetings and offered important networking connections.

### Scope and Content Note

The Village Writers' Group records consist of three series. The first, general records, contains the articles of incorporation, by-laws, minutes and agendas, and financial records for the group and cover the years 1979-1989. Series 2, collected printed material, includes the VWG magazine (The Village Writers' Group Newsletter and the Village Writer) and newsletters in their various guises, as well as announcements, anthologies, and flyers, spanning the years 1979- present . Series 3 is comprised of photographs of group members, speakers, and meetings. Most are not dated or labeled, but appear to be from the early 1980s. The records also include scrapbooks that contain newspaper articles, correspondence, and applications for membership.

### Organization Note

Organized into three series: (1) General records, (2) Collected printed material, (3) Photographs.

## **Description of Series**

[Series 1: General records](#)

[Series 2: Collected printed material](#)

[Series 3: Photographs](#)

**Series 1****General records****Box 1: folder 1-14****Organizational records**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	1	Articles of Incorporation, Oct 4, 1979
1	2	Action of the Board of Directors, May 5, 1979
1	3	By laws, 1997, n.d.
1	4	Minutes and Agendas, 1979-1980
1	5	Minutes and Agendas, 1981
1	6	Minutes and Agendas, 1982
1	7	Minutes and Agendas, 1984, 1996
1	8	Organizational History
1	9	Past Presidents of VWG, 1979-1985

**Financial records**

1	10	Treasurer's report, 1979-1980
1	11	Treasurer's report, 1981-1982
1	12	Internal Revenue Service forms, 1979-1980, 1982
1	13	Stock Transfer ledger, blank, n.d.
1	14	Commercial Blanket Fund, May 1, 1983

**Series 2****Collected printed material****Box 1: folder 15 - Box 3: folder 15****VWG Magazine - VWG Newsletter**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
1	15	Vol. 1, 1979
1	16	Vol. 2, 1980

**VWG Magazine - The Village Writer**

1	17	Vol. 3, 1981
1	18	Vol. 4, 1982
1	19	Vol. 5, 1983
2	1	Vol. 6, 1984-1985
2	2	Vol. 7, 1985
2	3	Vol. 8, 1986
2	4	Vol. 9, 1987
2	5	Vol. 10, 1988
2	6	Vol. 11, 1989
2	7	Summer, Winter 1990
2	8	Winter 1991
2	9	Spring 1992

**Newsletters**

3	1	1984
3	2	1985
3	3	1986
3	4	1987
3	5	1989
3	6	1992-1998

**Newsline**

3	7	1989
3	8	1990
3	9	1991
3	10	1993

**Misc. materials**

3	11	Announcements, 1986-1997, n.d.
3	12	<i>VWG's Greatest Hits</i> , Anthology of articles from the Village Writer, 1982 (4 copies)

- 3 13 New Voices by Fulton County High School students, n.d.
- 3 14 Miscellaneous flyers
- 3 15 "Frustration Spawns Area's Most Prestigious Writer's Group," *DeKalb Neighbor Newspaper*, 5 Oct 1989

**Series 3****Photographs****Box 3: folder 16 - Box 4**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Content</b>
3	16	Lynn Alpern
3	17	Anne Ashford
3	18	Faith Brunson
3	19	Ralph Bugg
3	20	Evelyn Campbell
3	21	Carol Carter
3	22	Sarah Carver
3	23	Pat Conroy
3	24	Bill Diehl
3	25	Helen Elliot
3	26	Chet Fuller
3	27	Cindy Goldwaithe
3	28	Ed Green/ Ed Green's Restaurant
3	29	Tom Green
3	30	Angela Greer
3	31	Joe Frank Harris
3	32	Carolyn Haskell
3	33	Louis Isaf
3	34	Lynn Keating
3	35	Gene Gabriel Moore
3	36	Shirley R. Murphey
3	37	Wayne Nardy
3	38	Ludlow Poch
3	39	Janet Reiner
3	40	Neil Schulman
3	41	Leara Smith
3	42	Vern Smith
3	43	Morris West
4	1	VWG meeting, Manuels Tavern, n.d.
4	2	Unidentified speakers
4	3	VWG Workshops, 1981, n.d.
4	4	Writers' Conference, n.d.
4	5	VWG meetings, n.d.
4	6	VWG, outdoor activity, n.d.
4	7	Negatives

4 8 Memorabilia, n.d.

**Scrapbooks**

OBV 1 1979-1980

OBV 2 1979-1984

OBV 3 1980-1984

4 9 Scrapbook, 1994-1996

4 10 Scrapbook (partial), 1996-1997

4 11 Scrapbook, 1997-1998

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