

Gay and lesbian history collection, 1968-2014

Overview of the Collection

Creator	Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest
Title	Gay and lesbian history collection
Dates	1968-2014 (inclusive) 1968 2014 1993-1996 (bulk) 1993 1996
Quantity	2 cubic feet, (5 document cases)
Collection Number	Mss 2988-1
Summary	Materials regarding a variety of community, religious, and social service organizations supporting the gay and lesbian community of the Pacific Northwest (particularly Portland and the State of Oregon.)
Repository	Oregon Historical Society, Davies Family Research Library Davies Family Research Library Oregon Historical Society 1200 SW Park Avenue Portland, OR 97205 Telephone: 503-306-5240 Fax: 503-219-2040 libreference@ohs.org
Access Restrictions	The collection is open to the public.
Languages	English

Historical Note

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest (GLAPN) was established in Portland, Oregon, by Tom Cook in the early 1990s. Since then the organization has collected archival materials and oral histories from organizations and individuals active in lesbian and gay issues in the Portland area and throughout the Pacific Northwest.

Content Description

The collection includes brochures, newsletters, press releases and other materials produced by a wide variety of community, religious, and social service organizations actively supporting the gay and lesbian community of Portland and the State of Oregon during the early to mid-1990s. The vast majority of materials concern Portland and the State of Oregon, but there are a small number of organizations represented from Idaho and Washington and on a national level. Also included are materials from political campaigns by local LGBT politicians, and organizations in opposition of Ballot Measure 13 and the Oregon Citizens Alliance.

Additional audio and video materials have been sent to the Oral History and Moving Image collections.

Use of the Collection

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Administrative Information

Arrangement

The materials are arranged by topic.

Acquisition Information

Materials were collected by the Gay and Lesbian Archives of the Pacific Northwest and donated to the Oregon Historical Society in the 1990s.

Processing Note

The collection was re-processed in 2013.

Separated Materials

The following audio tapes have been transferred to the Oral History collections at the Oregon Historical Society:

audiocassette: "They'll Get You Anyway" (Linda and the Family Values Band) and "I'm A Teacher" (Nan Collie and Maureen Kelly) for No On 9, ca. 1992.

audiocassette: "The Miracle" with business card and unidentified flyer.

audiocassette: "Nancy Nixon" (oral history), n.d.

audiocassette: "M-K party held at Sarah's Dec. 30, 1972"

audiocassette: "Frank Wall talking to Charlene Myers" n.d.

audiocassette: "Rita Mae" otherwise unidentified conversation with Rita Mae Brown

audio reel tape: "What Is Communism/Social Security in the USSR" printed on label; "3 3/4 Abortion - 30 min" and "This tape for Gary" handwritten on label

audio reel tape: unidentified, box bears label "Radio Free People" and a New York City address

audio reel tape: Feminist Radio Network on box; "The Minister" labeled on tape reel

audio reel tape: Feminist Radio Network on box; "Lesbian Mothers" labeled on tape reel

audio reel tape: Melody Magnetic Tape 166 on box; bottom side panel reads "10/6/71 V.J. Fried Cross Cultural Patterns Sexuality"

Video materials have been transferred to the Moving Image collections at the Oregon Historical Society:

"The City Nightclub", a documentary by Gregory Franklin, 1996

Detailed Description of the Collection

The following section contains a detailed listing of the materials in the collection.

Series A: Gay & Lesbian Politics (City of Portland and State of Oregon)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/1	Basic Rights Oregon Materials concerning political organizing against the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA).	1996
1/2	Frank Dixon Campaign materials from Dixon's State Senate race.	1996
1/3	Fred Neal for City Council Campaign materials from Neal's city council race.	undated
1/4	Gail Shibley Campaign materials from Shibley's city council race.	1995-1996
1/5	Right to Privacy PAC Materials related to PAC activities, including the Lucille Hart dinners.	1986, 1994-1995
5/1	Measure 13 (No On 13) Campaign materials opposing Ballot Measure 13.	1993-1995
5/2	Oregon Citizens Alliance OCA brochure describing the organization.	undated
5/3	Scott Lively (Oregon Citizens Alliance) Letter from Scott Lively raising funds and awareness of the publication of his anti-gay book, "The Pink Swastika."	1996
5/4	[Anti-Gay Books] Copies of "Growing Up Straight" by Peter and Barbara Wyden and "The Pink Swastika" by Scott Lively and Kevin Abrams.	1968, 1995
1/13	Oregon same-sex marriage issues	2014

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Contains proclamation by Governor John Kitzhaber, 2014 June 10, regarding the overturning of Oregon's ban on same-sex marriage and LGBT rights. For testimonials of same-sex couples married in Multnomah County in 2004, see Multnomah County wedding album project records, Coll 62, http://nwda.orbiscascade.org/ark:/80444/xv84834	

Series B: Gay and Lesbian Community Organizations & Resources (Oregon)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
1/6	Audria M. Edwards Youth Scholarship Fund Press release for benefit: 10th Annual Peacock In the Park.	1996
1/7	Beyond the Closet (Bend, OR) Assorted newsletters.	1993-1995
1/8	Bradley-Angle House Materials concerning lesbian partner domestic violence.	undated
1/9	Brother to Brother (Portland) Newsletter of African-American organization; calendar seems to reference 1996 dates.	undated
1/10-1/11	Cascade AIDS Project Newsletters, flyers, brochures and other materials concerning AIDS education awareness and services of CAP. Includes a list of individuals from the Portland area who were training as PALs to assist persons living with AIDS and HIV.	1992-1996
1/12	Cascade Bears Materials concerning the organization and Cascade Bears events.	1993-1996
2/1	Chaps (Portland) Materials concerning a space for leather play, including safer sex guidelines and dungeon etiquette.	circa 1995-1996
2/2	City Nightclub	1992, 1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	A flyer alleging police harassment of a Portland gay nightclub, including a 1992 memo from Police Chief Tom Potter to club owner Lanny Swerdlow.	
2/3	Coalition to End Bigotry Flyer for Salem's Sixth Annual Gay Pride.	1996
2/4	Community Center (Portland) A flyer for a 1993 organizational meeting.	1993
2/5	Downtown Chapel (Catholic) Gay & Lesbian Ministry Materials concerning the chapel's ministry to the gay and lesbian community.	1996
2/6	Equity Foundation Newsletter and flyers re: Equity Foundation-sponsored events.	1993-1996
2/7	Esther's Pantry AIDS Food Pantry (Portland) Brochure, flyer for Halloween benefit, and sample food order form.	undated
2/8	Family CampOUT (YWCA) Materials concerning CampOUT 1994.	1994
2/9	First Unitarian Church of Portland Flyers for gay and lesbian themed forums.	1994
2/10	Gay Bars - Portland Flyers and promotionals for various gay bars in Portland.	undated
2/11	Gay Bowling Leagues (Portland) Flyers promoting gay bowling league events.	1995-1996
2/12	Gay Businesses Flyers and promotionals for various (presumably gay-owned) businesses.	undated
2/13	Gay Men Together (Portland) Materials regarding a gay men's discussion group and a listing of Portland-area LGBT community resources.	1985, 1987
2/14	Gay Pride Parade PDX June 87 Small album of photos of the 1987 Gay Pride Parade in Portland.	1987

Container(s)	Description	Dates
2/15	Gay Theatre & Arts Flyers and promotionals for various plays, movies, and art exhibits appearing in the Portland area.	undated
2/16	Hans Brinker Presents (Queer Night - La Luna) Assorted flyers and posters for Queer Night at La Luna in Portland.	1995-1996
2/17	HIV Day Center Miscellaneous flyers for events, and a newsletter.	1993, 1996
2/18	Imperial Sovereign Rose Court (Portland) Flyers concerning various Rose Court events and a handout titled "What Is Drag? Why Is Drag? Why Do Drag?"	circa 1995
2/19	Integrity (Episcopalian) Newsletters concerning gay & lesbian ministry and correspondence re: a 1995 Easter potluck.	1993-1995
2/20	Intercultural Communication Institute (Portland) Brochure for a 1996 workshop titled "The Psychology of Bigotry: Dualism vs. Diversity".	1996
2/21	International AIDS Memorial (Portland) Programs from annual International AIDS Candlelight Memorial and Mobilization.	1994-1995
2/22	Keeston Lowery Lesbian and Gay Democratic Club Newsletter, February 1996.	1996
2/23	Klamath Area Lambda Association Newsletter and undated letter to Gov. Barbara Roberts.	1995
2/24	Lazarus Community Newsletters from a religious AIDS ministry.	1993-1995
2/25	Leather Community (Portland) Flyers for various leather events.	1994-1996
2/26	Mel White Newsletters and an incomplete article from The Oregonian re: Ballot Measure 13.	circa 1996
2/27	Metropolitan Community Church (Portland)	1992-1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Materials concerning MCC events; worship program for 1994 advent services; invitation to holy union of Tom Mohn and Steve Berwick; announcement for memorial of Jose Montoya.	
2/28	The Names Project Newsletters.	1993-1996
2/29	Lesbian Avengers Flyers for events.	circa 1994
2/30	Lesbian Community Project Materials related to conferences and events; brochure addressing same-sex victims of bias crimes.	1993-1996
2/31	Love Makes A Family, Inc. Materials related to organization that supports same-sex parent families.	1994-1995
2/32	Metropolitan Human Rights Commission (Portland) Materials related to anti-gay violence, bias crimes, and discrimination.	1994-1996
2/33	Northwest Gender Alliance Materials related to the organization's support of crossdressers and transsexuals.	1994, 1996
2/34	Northwest Speak Out Flyer for speakers bureau focusing on discussion of LGBT issues.	undated
2/35	Obituaries Assorted obituaries and memorial programs re: death of Portland residents.	undated
2/36	Oregon Fellowship of Reconciliation Newsletters re: organization's activities.	1993-1996
2/37	Oregon Gay and Lesbian Film Festival Flyers and programs from festival-related programming.	1995-1996
2/38	Our House (Portland) Brochure for 1995 restaurant specials benefitting the organization.	1995
2/39	Outside-In	1995

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Materials concerning program that supports homeless youth (including LGBT).	
3/1	Parents and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (Portland) PFLAG policy statement re: organized religion and legal discrimination; press release from Oregon Citizens' Alliance (OCA) describing another organization called HOPE (Help One Person Escape), identified as a "support group for friends and families of homosexuals"; additional PFLAG research and resources.	1992-1996
3/2	People of Faith Against Bigotry Materials related to this political action committee and its opposition to Ballot Measure 13.	1994-1995
3/3	Phoenix Rising Materials related to Phoenix Rising, an agency providing mental health services to lesbians, gay men, bisexuals, and sexual minority youth.	1994-1996
3/4	Portland Area Gay and Naked (PAGAN) Organization's newsletter.	circa 1996
3/5	Portland Community of Welcoming Congregations Brochure re: ecumenical conference "Welcoming the Whole Family."	1996
3/6	Portland Gay Men's Chorus Promotional materials, sample ticket, programs and mailers for PGMC events.	1995-1996
3/7	Portland Metro Prime Timers Newsletter, April 1996.	1996
3/8	Portland State University Lesbian, Gay and Bi Alliance Flyer for Queer Prom.	1996
3/9	Potter's House (Portland) Newsletters.	1994-1995
3/10	Presbyterians for Lesbian & Gay Concerns of Oregon Quarterly newsletter, July 1993.	1993
3/11	Pride Northwest	1992-1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	Planning materials, survey results, board minutes, and souvenir programs.	
3/12	Project Quest Form letter and brochure describing the Project.	1995
3/13	Radical Faeries Flyer for Passion Dancing Naked II.	1996
3/14	Radical Women (Portland) Assorted newsletters and flyers for events.	1995-1996
3/15	Rosetown Ramblers Flyer for a skating party.	1995
3/16	Sts. Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church (Hillsboro, OR) Newsletter re: gay & lesbian ministry.	1996
3/17	Sexual Minorities Materials re: Sexual Minorities Roundtable, Bureau of Police, City of Portland.	1996
3/18	Shalom Ministries Methodist (Portland) Organizational newsletters.	1993-1996
3/19	"The Unity" Catholic AIDS Ministry Newsletters re: gay & lesbian ministry.	1993-1996
3/20	Transsexuality Newsletters; correspondence from Michaela Kehr to Metropolitan Human Relations Commission re: employment of transsexuals in city government.	1995-1996
3/21	Triangle Productions Program from production of "The Night Larry Kramer Kissed Me."	1996
3/22	Trinity Episcopal Church AIDS Ministry Flyers announcing various lectures and sermons.	1994-1996
3/23	Veterans for Human Rights (Portland) Newsletters, flyers and meeting agendas.	1993-1995
3/24	[Resource Guide-Salem] Resource guide for lesbian and gay community of Salem, OR.	circa 1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
3/25	[Resource Guide-Just Out Pocket Guides] Resource guides for lesbian and gay community of Oregon; 1995 Portland Area Business Alliance Member Services Listings.	1987,1990-1995
3/26	[Resource Guides - Pink Pages] Resource guides for lesbian and gay community of Pacific Northwest; 4 volumes.	1994-1997
3/27	Exclusively Out and About (1984) Guide to entertainment, business, community and professional services in Portland.	1984
5/5	[Pin Badges] Assorted lapel pins from gay and lesbian community events and political causes.	circa 1991-1995
5/6	[Unidentified Ribbon] Ribbon printed "I Had a Gay Time in Portland, Oregon; Sandra Dee, Honorary Mayor." Sandra Dee was the drag alter ego of Sanford Director, known as "Portland's gay manager."	undated
5/7	[Packages of Condoms] Assorted condoms packaged for Portland-area gay events, including safer sex literature.	circa 1994-1995

Series C: Gay & Lesbian Community Organizations and Resources (States of Idaho and Washington)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/1	Seattle Counseling Service for Sexual Minorities Fundraising letter.	1995
4/2	Seattle Gay Groups (Misc.) Brochures and flyers for a wide variety of organizations and services in the Seattle area.	undated
4/3	Border Riders Motorcycle Club (Seattle) Club brochure.	1996
4/4	Tacoma Sounds Newsletter (1994)	1994

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	March 1994: "A paper for the gay community."	
4/5	St. Christopher House (Vancouver, WA) Materials related to HIV/AIDS ministry.	1994-1995
4/6	Defending Human Rights in the 90s (Ketchum, ID) Brochure for workshop.	1994

Series D: Gay & Lesbian Community Organizations and Resources (National)

Container(s)	Description	Dates
Box/Folder		
4/7	1987 March on Washington Newspaper articles about the 1987 March on Washington.	1987
4/8	1994 World AIDS Day Resource Booklet	1987
4/9	Cathedral of Hope, Metropolitan Community Church, Dallas, TX	1996
4/10	Gay Games Program from the original Gay Athletic Games, held in San Francisco, CA in 1982.	1982
4/11	Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation Newsletter and invitation to historic exhibition in Portland.	1996
4/12	Gays and Genetics Materials re: a study by Northwestern University into male sexual orientation.	1991-1992
4/13	National Association of Catholic Diocesan Lesbian & Gay Ministries Brochure and organization newsletter.	circa 1996
4/14	Human Rights Campaign Fund Newsletters and fundraising materials.	1995-1996
4/15	International Sexual Minorities Events Calendar	1996-2001
4/16	[Resource Guides-Misc]	1992-1993, 1995-1996

Container(s)	Description	Dates
	1992/1993 Gayellow Pages National Edition; 1995/1996 Greater Seattle Business Association Guide & Directory.	
4/17	Gay Catalogs (Marketing) Direct mail catalogs tailored to gay and/or lesbian consumers including apparel, books, music, theater, travel, and erotica.	undated

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