

Archive of the Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild

Humboldt County, California

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Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild (HHSG) started in 1971 and incorporated as a nonprofit (501c7) in 1973. Founding members Henrietta Chizzola and Dorothy Bartlett came together to share information and enthusiasm for handweaving and hand spinning and the organization started to grow. The number of members and range of activities have varied over the years since 1971 with the organization always having an active membership and regular meetings. Newsletters have been published and mailed (or emailed) to members since 1975.

As of 2014 “current” records are held by Guild members who are involved in maintaining the organization. The Archive holds the “non-current” Guild records. Guild officers and committee chairs are requested to maintain a hard copy file of documents generated in carrying out Guild responsibilities, and annually (or when they become “non-current”) turn them over to the Archive.

For the time being (unofficial agreement by Board in May 2014) the Archive will maintain hard copy of the records, not digital files, except for audio-visual items.

Guide to using the Archive of the Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild

Archive organized in 2014 by Edie Butler and Sandra Kernen

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1973- 2014 and ongoing.

Access

The Archive is open for use by Guild members by arrangement with the Guild Archivist/Historian. Persons who are not members of the Guild may submit use/research requests to the Guild Board of Directors.

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Sources of the Archive

Once HHSG had a home base, starting in August 1992, at the facility maintained by The Ink People, some organizational files, library, and equipment were stored there. When The Ink People facility had to be vacated (due to damage to building from earthquake in January 2010) Sandra Kernen moved some materials to her home. Sandra already had an accumulation of records, particularly financial, and all of these have been integrated into the archive. One file cabinet containing some records was moved with the looms (owned by The Ink People, with shared oversight by a Guild member) to the Winship School campus, then (with the looms) to the waterfront building (foot of C St) owned by the City of Eureka. In May 2014 those materials were taken to Sandra's and interfiled with the other parts of the archive. Active members, particularly Presidents, left binders and other files as their terms ended or their level of participation changed and these have been incorporated into the Archive. Materials gathered by Guild Historians have been incorporated into the Archive.

Archive Arrangement notes

All available materials have been brought together and integrated. They have been arranged by major category or format:

- Chronological (newsletters, notices, photographs)
- Subject (including Board of Directors' agendas and minutes)
- Oversize (scrapbooks, posters).

When searching for a specific item, review the Chronological Files, the Subject Files and also the Scrapbooks for the 1970s-1990s.

Box 1 - Chronological Files 1975 – 1999

- Newsletters (includes some membership lists and usually includes Treasurer's Report) Some newsletters are missing.
- Notices (Ephemera) (Some years do not have Notices)
- Photographs (Some years do not have a Photo file)(Some are filed by best guess of the date)

Box 2 - Chronological Files - 2000 – ongoing

- Newsletters (includes some membership lists and usually includes Treasurer's Report) Some newsletters are missing.
- Notices (Ephemera) (Some years do not have Notices)
- Photographs (Some years do not have a Photo file) (Some are filed by best guess of the date)

Box 3 - Subject Files A-G;

- Articles of Organization
 - Officers (list continued in May 2014 using list from Victor Jacoby, which is with his HHSG historical note filed with Articles of Organization)
- Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes (includes Treasurer's Reports) 1983-2013 (there may be gaps). Some Board of Directors agendas and minutes are annotated, most are not. Some duplicate copies have been kept, especially if one copy is annotated.
- Brochures
- Budgets/Financial 1974-1984
- By-laws
- Correspondence
- Fair (Humboldt County Fair, records for time when guild participated in the Redwood Acres Fair may show up)

Box 4 – Subject Files H-Z; Fiber related organizations beyond HHSG

- Fashion Shows –several folders (may include fundraising/raffles done with fashion shows)
- Fundraising (usually drawings, raffles)
- Handbooks
- Ink People – including loom inventory list
- Letterhead samples
- Library -inventory lists (Library holdings and equipment are stored with Guild Librarian)
- Meeting attendance lists
- Membership Lists
- Scholarships

Study Groups/Workshops
Surveys of members
Treasurer's Reports
Website

Fiber Related Organizations, beyond HHSO

Center for Textile Arts (see *Times-Standard* article Jan 13, 1983, in Chronological Files, for background information)

CNCH (two folders)

Creamery District Art Market

Fiber Arts Collective - includes 1990 flyer with organizational information

Fiber Arts Society (may be same as Textile Arts Society)

Handweavers Guild of America/Convergence Conferences

Ink People

Jacoby, Victor

Natural Fiber Fair

Redwood Coast Arts and Crafts School (started by Tracy Shapiro about 2014)

Textile Arts Society (started at HSU about 1988; see 1988 flyer in file and *Lumberjack* article Nov. 8, 1989; major concern was secure location for looms being discarded by HSU)

Oversize Box 1

Guild Scrapbook for 1970s

Guild Posters (6 as of 12/2014)

Oversize Box 2

Guild Scrapbook for 1980s

Guild Scrapbook for 1990s