

Archive of the Humboldt Handweavers and Spinners Guild

Humboldt County, California

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Updated in March 2020 reflecting HHSG records through 2019.

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 2020 “current” records are held by the Board members who are involved in running 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- 2020 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.

Copyright

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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. The contents of many files vary especially for budget and financial reports, and program notices and publicity.

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-F;

- Articles of Organization
 - Officers (list continued in May 2014 using list from Victor Jacoby, which is with his HHS historical note filed with Articles of Organization)
- Board Meeting Agendas and Minutes (includes Treasurer's Reports)
 - 1983- ongoing (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. Some program information is filed here.
- Brochures
- Budgets/Financial 1974-1984; 1977-1988; 1990-2010; 2011 -
- By-laws
- Correspondence

Fair (Humboldt County Fair, there are no records for the years when the guild participated in the Redwood Acres Fair)

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 HHSG

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)
Redwood Craft Stomp, Redwood Yarn Stomp
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