Descriptive Summary

Title: Katherine V. Forrest Papers

Dates: 1982-2003

Collection Number: GLC 116

Creator/Collector: Forrest, Katherine V., 1939-. 

Extent: 22 cartons + 2 oversized flat boxes (24 cubic feet)

Repository: San Francisco Public Library. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
San Francisco, California 94102

Abstract: The collection contains original drafts and final manuscripts of Forrest's books, reviews of her work, interviews, scrapbooks, photographs, awards and audiovisual materials.

Language of Material: English

Access

The collection is available for use during San Francisco History Center hours, with photographs available during Photo Desk hours. The collection is stored offsite and should be requested 48 hours in advance.

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Acquisition Information


Biography/Administrative History

Katherine V. Forrest is a pioneering lesbian writer, novelist, editor and literary critic. Her character Kate Delafield is considered the first lesbian police detective in the murder mystery genre and “Curious Wine,” the best-selling lesbian mystery. She has also written the award-winning science fiction series “Daughters of a Coral Dawn” and edited several lesbian and gay anthologies. She has edited the work of many writers, written many book reviews, and promoted gay and lesbian literature through her long involvement with the Lambda Literary Foundation. She is the recipient of numerous awards, including the Lambda Literary Foundation’s prestigious Pioneer Award in 1988.

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