Carolyn Weathers papers, 1971-2010LSC.2223

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Contributing Institution: UCLA Library Special Collections
Language of Material: English
Physical Description: 0.8 linear feet (2 boxes)
Date (inclusive): 1971-2010
Abstract: Carolyn Weathers is a lesbian activist and publisher. This collection contain flyers, brochures, publications, and other materials related to the operation of Clothespin Fever Press, a lesbian press founded by Carolyn Weathers and Jenny Wrenn in the 1980s.
Language of Materials: Materials are in English.
Physical Location: Stored off-site at SRLF. All requests to access special collections material must be made in advance using the request button located on this page.
Creator: Weathers, Carolyn
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Acquisition Information
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Processing History
This collection was processed by Stacy Wood, March 2014. Description enhanced and further physical processing completed by Sabrina Ponce in 2017.
Sponsor
The June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA is an outreach and collection-building partnership between the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives, the UCLA Center for the Study of Women (CSW), and the UCLA Library. These collections expand the pool of primary source materials available to researchers and to the community at large. This partnership was initiated by CSW and is funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) to inventory, organize, preserve, and digitize more than eighty Mazer collections pertaining to lesbian and feminist activism and writings.
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Biography
Born in 1941, Carolyn Weathers is the daughter of a Southern Baptist preacher. She moved to Los Angeles after being expelled from a Texas University when she came out as a lesbian. She was an enthusiastic participant in the pre-Stonewall bar scene in San Antonio, Texas and in the Gay Liberation Front and the Gay Women's Liberation Front at the Women's Center of Los Angeles.
She was a co-publisher with artist Jenny Wrenn, of Clothespin Fever Press, a now defunct lesbian book publishing company that operated from 1986-1994. Her stories and remembrances are included in Gay LA: A History of Sexual Outlaws, Power Politics and Lipstick Lesbians by Lillian Faderman and Stuart Timmons as well as in Feminists Who Changed America 1963-1975 edited by Barbara Love. She also wrote a memoir, titled Her Leaving Texas (1986). After retiring from her job as a public librarian for the Los Angeles Public Library, she began writing the column "True Life Lesbian Adventures" for the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives. Weathers was awarded with an LGBT Heritage Award by the City of Los Angeles in June 2015.
Scope and Content
This collection contain flyers, brochures, publications, and other materials related to the operation of Clothespin Fever Press, a lesbian press founded by Carolyn Weathers and Jenny Wrenn in the 1980s.

Organization and Arrangement
Materials arranged by type.

Related Material

Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements
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Subjects and Indexing Terms
Clothespin Fever Press -- Archives.
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archive at UCLA.
June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives.
Weathers, Carolyn -- Archives
Feminist literature--Publishing.
Lesbian activists--California--Archives.

Box 1, Folders 1-2
The House of Pelham Falls by Brenda Weathers undated
Scope and Content
Manuscript by Carolyn Weathers's sister Brenda, with editorial notes by Katherine Forrest.

Box 1, Folder 3
"A History of Clothespin Fever Press" 2004
Scope and Content
Narrative history of Clothespin Fever Press written by Carolyn Weathers in preparation for an event in their honor at ONE Institute and Archives in 2004.

Box 1, Folder 4
Flyers and brochures 1976-1991
Scope and Content
Flyers for True Life Lesbian Adventures by Carolyn Weathers at the June L. Mazer Lesbian Archives. Brochures for Women's Health and Healing Conference 1976 and the Westside Women's Clinic.

Box 1, Folder 5
Clothespin Fever Press catalogs 1990-2004
Box 1, Folder 6
Lesbian Line 1988-1994
Scope and Content
Quarterly newspaper and catalogs for Clothespin Fever Press.

Box 1, Folder 7
Women's History postcards undated
Scope and Content
Clothespin Fever Press purchased these postcards from Helaine Victoria Press.

Box 1, Folder 8
Jenny Wrenn photo project undated
Scope and Content
Printed photo reproductions by Clothespin Fever Press co-founder Jenny Wrenn.
Box 1, Folder 9  **Books 1985-1989**

**Scope and Content**

Box 1, Folder 10  **Plaques 1990-2010**

**Scope and Content**
Invitation to the Inauguration Ceremony for the Mayor of Houston, Annise D. Parker and a plaque from Clothespin Fever Press to Ann Bradley for her "Excellent Work in Supporting And Promoting Lesbian Literature in Los Angeles."

Box 2  **Audiovisual materials 1971-2010**

**Scope and Content**
Includes recordings of Weathers' poetry readings, performances, interviews and other material related to Weather's career as a publisher and activist. Contains one VHS cassette, one audio disc, 9 DVDs with videorecordings, 1 DVD with slides, 3 audiocassettes, and one DVD titled "HomoFiles 6/30/2010 Marie Cartier + Carolyn Weathers" of unknown material.

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