



NATIONAL MUSEUM *of* WOMEN *in the* ARTS

Focus International Collection

Introduction

The “Focus International,” United Nations Conference on Women Archives is part of a collection of material donated to the National Museum of Women in the Arts in 1987 by Nancy Cusick, director of the project, and Ellouise Schoettler, initiator and coordinator of “An American Album.” The collection was first organized and a finding aid written in the summer of 1994 by intern, Mary Oliver Humke.

In addition to the administrative papers, there are also photographs, slides, postcards and a collection of artwork, “An American Album.” The collection is stored in two acid-free boxes and the collection of nine albums are stored on the top level of several filing cabinets in the room housing the Archives on Women Artists, located in the LRC. Posters from the event are in the map case.

Historical Sketch

“Focus International: American Women in Art was held concurrently with the United Nations World Conference on Women in Nairobi, Kenya in 1985. MidMarch Associates sponsored it. The project goal was to expand the worldwide network of women artists that was begun in 1980, at the International Festival of Women Artists, in Copenhagen. The program included films, slides, literary readings, visual and performance arts, as well as panel discussions and workshops. The focal piece was an exhibition of works on paper entitled “American Showcase.” Works by artist such as Georgia O’Keeffe, Lee Krasner, Faith Ringgold, and Jennifer Bartlett enabled women from all around the world to experience the diversity of American women’s art. Also exhibited was “An American Album,” a collection of nine albums containing original artwork by women across the United States.

Scope and Content Notes

The collection of "Focus International" spans the years 1984 to 1986, beginning with the preparations for the United Nations Conference on Women, held in Nairobi, Kenya, July 1985. The collection is arranged chronologically within subject. There are six files devoted to correspondence at the planning stage. Primarily, they contain letters between director, Nancy, and the National Women's Conference Committee, the American Cultural Center, and various other organizations. Budget estimates, a proposal, and correspondence regarding funding are also included in the collection.

Conference documents included: programs, accommodations information, and photographs. There is a large collection of press clippings from coverage of the event beginning in February 1985. Included are newspapers from Nairobi and the U.S. Post-Conference material consists of programs, correspondence, articles and documentation of TV interviews in Miami, FL on March 26, 1986. United Nations information and two women's publications complete the printed material section.

The archive also includes one box of postcards submitted by artists and displayed at the conference. They were created in a variety of media: paintings, drawings, prints, photographs, collages, and mixed media. There are also nine albums containing a collection entitled, "An American Album"- original artwork no larger than 8-1/2 x 11 inches, a biographical statement and a photograph of the artist.

Series Description

- Project Planning Files
- Funding Material
- Conference Documents
- Press Files
- Post-Conference Files
- United Nations Publications
- Women's Organization Publications
- Postcards

Container List

Box	Folder #	Series	Description
1	1	Project Planning Files	UN Conference on Women preparations
	2		“Focus International: American Women in Art” preparations
	3		Correspondence: March 30-Nov. 15, 1984
	4		Correspondence: Nov. 20, 1984-March 9, 1985
	5		Correspondence: March 15-25, 1985
	6		Correspondence: March 29-May 1, 1985
	7		Correspondence: May 1-June 6, 1985
	8		Correspondence: June 6-July 18, 1985
	9	Funding Material	Proposal and Correspondence: Nov. 1984-Jan. 1985
	10		Correspondence: March-Aug. 1985

Box	Folder #	Series	Description
1	11-12	Conference Documents	Programs
	13		Accommodations
	14		Photographs
	15	Press Files	Coverage: Feb.-Sept. 1985
	16		Coverage: Sept. 1985-Winter 1986
	17		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 10, 1985
	18		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 12, 1985
	19		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 15, 1985
	20		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 16-17, 1985
	21		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 18, 1985
	22		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 19, 1985
	23		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 22, 1985
	24		Nairobi: <i>Forum 85</i> : July 24-25, 1985
	25		Nairobi: Newspaper Clippings- July 11-17, 1985
	26		Nairobi: Newspaper Clippings- July 18-25, 1985
	27		United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 9-11, 1985
	28		United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 11-14, 1985
	29		United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 15-16, 1985

Box	Folder #	Series	Description
	30	Press Files	United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 17-19, 1985
	31		United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 21-25, 1985
	32		United States: Newspaper Clippings- July 25-Aug. 1, 1985
	33		United States: Newspaper Clippings- No Dates
	34	Post-Conference Files	Programs and Events
	35		TV interview: Miami, FL March 21, 1986
	36		Article, <i>Equity: Washington Artist News</i> by Nancy Cusick
	37		Correspondence: Aug. 8, 1985-Feb. 28, 1986
	38	United Nations Publications	<i>Decade for Women: Conference Review</i>
	39		<i>Decade for Women Information Resources</i>
	40	Women's Organization Publications	<i>Sowjetfrau</i> , 1985
	41		<i>Women Artist News</i> , Winter 1986
2		Postcards	Artists A-Z

Nairobi American Albums Artist Listing

NAME	ALBUM #		NAME	ALBUM #
Abelow, Paula	4	\	Branch, Sandra	5
Abramson, Barbara	6	\	Bringle, Edwina	9
Aiken, Joyce	2	\	*Brodie, Agnes H.	1
Alliger-Pelham, Nancy	5	\	Buhman, Ruth E.	9
Alvarez, Sue	3	\	Bullard, Hannah	9
Anderson, Anne Ross	5	\	*Burchette, Andrea	2
Anderson, Katherine	1	\	Burnett, Cecelia	9
Andrake, Dorothy	7	\	Burnes, Elise	8
Andreae-Ashton, Chris	4	\	Buth-Furness, Christine	3
Andres, Dana Romalo	8	\	Butterick, Colette	9
Anikeeff, Pamela	2	\	Cahnmann, Ruth	1
Arzt, M.W.	9	\	Calhoun, Lottie	7
Ashford, Pearl	2	\	Calhoun, Louva	9
Asmar, Alice	8	\	Campbell, Christine	1
Aston, Miriam	9	\	Carolyn, M.C.	7
*Aubin, Barbara	4	\	Carter, Yvonne	3
Azara, Nancy	6	\	Carvalho, Joseiv	5
Baldwin, Evelyn	8	\	Chapman, Betty	2
Banks, Anne	8	\	Charverte	2
Banner, Marilyn	8	\	Cherin, Lotte	8
*Barrick, Dorothea	1	\	Collier, Bonnie	8
Barron, Pat	8	\	Colman, Bernice	3
Bartolini, Myrtle	3	\	Comstock, Nancy	8
Bebeau, Loretta	8	\	Coppel, Marcia	3
*Beck, Susan	9	\	Corbeti, Margaret	4
Becker, Millie	7	\	Corvell, Jeanne	6
Belleau, Anne	4	\	Cramer, Hilda	1
Benjamin-Murray, Betsy	4	\	Croffead, Pati	5
Berg, G. Vivian	7	\	Cromar, Janice	6
Berge, Priscilla	5	\	Cusick, Nancy	5
Berger, Pat	9	\	Cutler-Shaw, Joyce	8
*Berry, Carolyn	1	\	Danko, Pat St. John	7
Bjerke, Carol	1	\	Davis, Diane	9
Bloomfield, Susanne	3	\	Day, Juette Johnson	4
Blotner, Pamela	1	\	de Sueiro, Teresa	1
Boehler-Lambert, Deborah	2	\	de Valence, Theresa	1
Bourie, Linda	9	\	Despres, Joanna	4
Bowman, Patsy	6	\	Dickinson, Eleanor	1
Braithwaite, Lucretia	7	\	Dillon, Kathleen	6

NAME	ALBUM #		NAME	ALBUM #
*Branch, Betty	5	\	DiMerritt, Carol	4
Dimond, Bobi	2	\	Hahn, Marilyn	2
Dobray, Susan	2	\	Hall, Valerie	4
Donneson, Seena	5	\	Hammer, Elizabeth	2
Dove, Pauline	9	\	Hammond, Mary	8
Dutt, Rani	8	\	Harcarik-Nelson, Pat	4
Egri, Ruth	7	\	Harrison, June	1
Eisenberg, Wendy	5	\	Harroun, D.	1
Elias, Sheila	9	\	Have, Claire	7
Elliott, Sally	1	\	Heilbrunn, Jean	1
Ellis, Gilda	5	\	Henderson, Evie	4
Epses, Maria	7	\	Hennessy, Marjorie	4
Feldman, Aline	7	\	Heyward, Laura	8
Fels, Catharine Phillips	6	\	Hiro	6
Fernandez, Julie	6	\	Hoffman, Kady	9
Fine, Lucy	2	\	Hoffman, Laurie	8
Fine, Miriam Brown	2	\	Hogg, Barbara	4
Fink, Hannah	4	\	Holmes, Ann	4
Fleming, Avis	5	\	Homes, Ruth	3
Forastieri, Marinez	2	\	Howell, May	1
Foster, Maelee	1	\	Issac, Hildred Monat	5
Fox, Roberta	1	\	Jacobsen, Carol	1
Fox, Rosemary	6	\	Jacobsen, Martha	1
Franklin, Charlotte White	9	\	Johnson, Jane	6
Frederikse, Yolanda	5	\	Jonas, Florence	4
Frost, Marjorie	8	\	Jordan, Mona	2
Gabriel, Lena	8	\	Kadell, Katherine	9
Gamble, Alice	2	\	Kalbak, Inga	9
Gardner, Mona	4	\	Kalish, Shirley	2
Geller, Bunny	8	\	Kapner, Elizabeth	6
Gelles, Judy	3	\	Keefe, Sheila	5
Geoffrion, Moira	7	\	Keller, Martha Rock	5
Gerstenberg, Fanchon	4	\	Kelly, Laura Lee	1
Glessner, Virginia	7	\	Keskula, Carolyn	1
Gliessman, Mary	4	\	Kincheloe	2
Gooding, Sarah	3	\	Klein, Leslie	2
Goodsitt, Beth	6	\	Kleszez, Donna	8
Gould, Mary	2	\	Kline, G. Randolph	5
Graham, Christiane	9	\	Knowles, Virginia	7
Grant, Gayle	9	\	Konzel, Mildred	5
Graybeal, Laurie	9	\	Kopper, Starr	1
Gregory-Goodrum, Elina	4	\	Lam, Mildred	4
Hagelberg, Berit	8	\	Lamb, Sheila	5

NAME	ALBUM #		NAME	ALBUM #
Haggard, Carolann	5	\	Lampert, Ellen	7
Lanfear, Marilyn	1	\	Netherland, Patricia	2
Langdon, Ann R.	3	\	Nettis, Elaine	7
Langdon, Kay	5	\	Newman, Libby	7
Lawrence, Eleanor	8	\	Nichols, Gayle	3
Leach, Prudence	3	\	Novick, Gladys	7
Leech, Louise	6	\	Oaks, Susan	4
Leeds, Ingrid	2	\	Page, Judith	9
Levine, Barbara	6	\	Palmer, Susan	8
Levinsky, Freida	5	\	Paris, Margaret	8
Levinson, Betto	4	\	Park, Glenna	7
Levy, Rochelle	1	\	Parkinson, Trude	1
Litwin, Ruth	6	\	Peri, Mildred	7
Livingston, Susan	3	\	Petersen, Ellen	6
Lockspeiser, Nancy	7	\	Pierce, Delilah	5
Lopez, Joyce	3	\	Pinardi, Barbara	9
Loss, Bonnie Jo	3	\	Pinsky, Joanna	1
Lukitsch, Carol	8	\	Pirtle, Lucy	3
Lynch, Sue	1	\	Provis, Dorothy	1
Lyons, Ruth Ava	3	\	Putnam, Mary Tobias	6
Makepeace, Lindsay	1	\	Putterman, Florence	6
Marcel	1	\	Radcliff, Carol	6
Marinoff, Elaine	3	\	Radice-Tesar, Vikki	2
Marshall-Nadel, Nathalie	9	\	Reeves, Julia	5
Matthews, Martha	4	\	Revel, Linda	1
McAvoy, Bette	3	\	Richards, Pat	5
McCormick, Alvena	7	\	Ricklin, Elaine	3
McDonald, Susan	5	\	Ricksecker, Julianne	6
McKinnickinnick, Margaret	8	\	Rief, Doris	6
Medford, Martha	2	\	Rode, Meredith	3
Meltzer, Maryanne	5	\	Roecker, Susan	6
Meena, Sari	6	\	Ross, Elizabeth	6
Meo, Yvonne Cole	3	\	Roth, Joan	4
Mesquita, Rosalyn	6	\	Rotner, Sheila	1
Mikol, Irene	2	\	Rowe, Sandra	3
Mikopoulos, Effie	9	\	Ruyle, Lydia	3
Millett-Blasser, Rita	5	\	Sadowski-Kaupilla, Helena	4
Mills, Agnes	6	\	St.Jacques, Barbara	9
Milo, Marcia	3	\	Salemme, Martha	4
Moore, Mary	7	\	Sansone, Marleen	2
Morgan, Estelle	6	\	Sattler, Lois	8
Morgana, Jana	7	\	Sauber, Gladys	6
Nathanson, Barbara	2	\	Saunders, Martha	3

NAME	ALBUM #		NAME	ALBUM #
Savitz, Frieda	8	\	Stratton, Dorothy	5
Sax, Stephanie	3	\	Strawn, Martha	5
Schien, Eugenie	3	\	Sweda, Laura	4
Scherer, Deidre	5	\	Sverson, Gilda	9
Schoettler, Ellouise	6	\	Tammy, Sandi	5
Schutte, Terry	2	\	Tanksley, Ann	7
Schwartz, Bella	2	\	Teller, Jane	5
Schwartz, Pearl	9	\	Terpening, Virginia	3
Seremetis, Anastasia	4	\	Thompson, Mildred	8
Shaffer, Fern	2	\	Tillander, Michelle	5
Sharp, Anne	5	\	Tobek, Toby	1
Sharp, Joanne	2	\	Tock, Jean	7
Shaw, Mary Todd	9	\	Toomey, Stephanie	3
Sheirr, Olga	3	\	Tran, Nuong	2
Shinolt, Eileen	2	\	Truby, Betsy	8
Shreiner, Andrea	9	\	Turner, J. Sullivan	7
Siegel, Judy	6	\	Tvdlacka, Mary Jo	7
Siegl, Helga	4	\	Ullrich-Zuckerman, B.	2
Sikes, Mary M.	5	\	Vail, Elizabeth	6
Sisters of Survival	7	\	Valencia, Anita	3
Skopic, Cathy	7	\	Vess, Claudia	8
Sky, Carol	3	\	Vivian, Patricia	9
Slack, Connie	4	\	Wagman-Davis, Patricia	5
Sloane, Dorothy	6	\	Walker, Vera	4
Slusarenko, Kav	4	\	Ward, Ruth	2
Smart, Doris	3	\	Warkentin-Simmons, Verona	2
Smith, Linda Thern	3	\	Wask-Flood, Sandra	4
Snell, Marie	1	\	Waterson, Barbara	1
Snyder, Ruth	6	\	Weep, Judith	1
Sockwell, Helen	9	\	Wells, Betty	7
Sorrell, Helen	6	\	Westerman, Joan	7
Spandorfer, Merle	9	\	Weston, Maggie	7
Spencer, Jennifer	4	\	Whipple, Barbara	2
Spurling, Norinne	3	\	Williams, Ann	7
Stailings, Shirley	7	\	Williams, Cordelia	9
Stein, Ann	8	\	Williams, Pat	4
Stein, Jodie	1	\	Winters, Laurel	7
Stenstrom, Ruth	6	\	Worthington, Nancy	9
Stephens, Cindy	8	\	Wunderler-Selby, Barbara	9
Sterritt, Colleen	5	\	Yarkan, Vivian	1
Stetzer, Carol	9	\	Young, Nancy	4
Stevens, Ella	4	\	Zahn, Ann	5
Stewman, A.F.	6	\	Zerner, Renata	3

Stoddard, Ann	4	\	Zimmerman, Vera	7
Stone, Maura E.	3	\	Zurick, Jesselyn	8
Stone, Virginia	7	\		