Finding Aid to the Jan Hall Papers

Reference Code
PERS0034

Collection Title
Jan Hall Papers

Date
Ca. 1986-2000

Extent
2 archival boxes and 1 oversized archival box, or 1 linear foot

Creator
Jan Hall

Finding Aid Written by
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Biographical History
In the mid-1980s Jan Hall helped found Briar Rose, the Ohio based chapter of the National Leather Association-International, and hosted many meeting at her home. Throughout the ‘80s and ‘90s Jan attended events across the country and kept subject files documenting numerous clubs. Jan also served as an occasional photographer, being credited in several issues of Link. Jan started many conversations on the importance of defining S/M from domestic violence and confronting domestic violence within the S/M community. In 1998 Jan Hall became the first Domestic Violence Chairperson for the Domestic Violence Project of NLA-I.

Jan Hall served a term as president of the NLA-I from 1998-99. Jan helped to start the NLA-I Resource Project, connecting members and answering inquiries. Jan was a member of the National Advisory Council and played an integral role in solving disputes within the NLA-I. In 2006 Jan Hall served as interim president of NLA-I for the twentieth anniversary of Living In Leather. In 2014 Jan Hall received the NLA-I President’s Award.

Conditions of Access and Use
None
Scope and Contents
The Jan Hall Papers contain 2 archival boxes and 1 oversized box, or 1 linear foot. The collection is comprised of personal correspondence, club correspondence, bylaws, resource lists, administrative information, articles, publications, newsletters, flyers, brochures, meetings minutes, and newsprint photocopies. These materials are organized according to their original order. The papers cover personal correspondence along with documentation of SM and leather clubs including: National Leather Association-International, Briar Rose, Centurions, Eulenspiegel Society, Foot Fraternity, Gay Male SM Activists, People Exchanging Power, Shelix, and Urania. Materials also document publications on trans* resources, BD/SM and feminism.

Related Materials
O’Keeffe, Doug. Digital resources on cd. 2011029301, Interview with Jan Hall as part of the Fire Side Chat Program with Doug O’Keeffe. Leather Archives & Museum, Chicago Illinois.


Hall, Jan. Domestic Violence in the S/M Community.
http://www.pandys.org/articles/bdsmdomesticviolence.pdf


Removed Items
Oversized materials, including a 1998 issue of LINK, newspaper clipping of “Memphis Women of Leather,” poster fir NL “Frauen Sex Magazine for Wimmin” Hamburg Germany, two unlabeled photos, and a poster for “Celebration Costume Ball” were removed from their original order and placed into Series 6: Artifacts. Cassette “Do It Yourself S/M” was removed from collection and placed in oversized box of Series 6: Artifacts.

Processing Information
Staples, paperclips were removed by the processor. Any labeled folders and/or envelopes were photocopied and the photocopies integrated into their appropriate series. Newsprint was also copied and integrated into the appropriate series.

Arrangement Note
The Jan Hall Papers are arranged as:
Series 1: Personal Papers
Series 2: National Leather Association-International
Series 3: Briar Rose
Series 4: Subject Files
Series 5: Publications and Printed Matter
Series 6: Artifacts
Subject Terms
Hall, Jan
NLA-I
NLA
Briar Rose—Columbus (Ohio)
Domestic violence
National Advisory Council
Transgender
Trans*
Feminism
Michigan Women’s Music Festival
Leather lifestyle
Leather clubs (Organizations)

Collection Level Description

Series 1: Personal Papers

Physical Description
1 folder

Series Scope and Contents
Typed and handwritten correspondence to Jan Hall; some letters are dated from 1987-1990. Letters and cards share personal stories, provide updates on events, and give thanks to Jan.

Box#    Folder#
1        1. Personal correspondence to Jan Hall.

Series 2: National Leather Association-International

Physical Description
5 folders

Series Scope and Contents
Meeting minutes, bylaws, correspondences, member lists, and publications related to the National Leather Association-International. Folder one includes publications from Jan’s presidency NLA-I in 1999. Folder 2 contains correspondence, member’s lists and proposed by-laws. These materials document the transition from the National Leather Association to its current title of the National Leather Association-International. Folders 3 and 4 contain more bylaws, correspondence, flyers, demographic surveys, membership listings, proposals, policies and applications from the NLA-I. Folder 5 contains printed email correspondences documents Jan’s activism and start of the Resource Project.

Box#    Folder#


3. First LINK 1989 photocopy; Nomination Procedures 1989; Letter to Chapter 1990; Members and affiliates listing 1990; Dallas Chapter pamphlet; Denver flyer 1989; Detroit membership application; Letter to members 1990; “May Day Game Plan”; Mr. & Ms. NLA Seattle Leather Contest Application 1990; National Conference Committee Minutes 1990; Living in Leather 5 1990 Organizational Chart; Conference Committee 1990; Clubs and Affiliates list; Executive Committee list; Bylaw Report 1990; Letters to the Executive Committee; Demographic Report 1990.

4. Letters to the Executive Committee 1990; Mack McKinnon Memorial Travel Fund Draft Statement 1990; Elections & Credential Committee Proposal; Conference Committee Report 1990; Structure of the National Conference Committee Proposal; Membership Application; National Advisory Council meeting minutes 1989; Membership Policies 1990; Letter from Jim Richards; Executive Committee list 1990; Atlanta flyer; Dallas Flyer; National Bylaws 1990; Printed Email correspondence.

5. Email Correspondence from 1997 on Spanner Case, Resource Project, and activism.

Series 3: Briar Rose

Physical Description
1 folder

Series Scope and Contents
Briar Rose was the Ohio based chapter of the NLA-I and operated during the late 1980s. Briar Rose held regular meetings and some members traveled to events representing the club. Briar Rose hosted events in Ohio and teamed up with various activist groups in their area. This series contains handwritten drafts of Briar Rose newsletters and fliers from 1988-89. This series also includes correspondence to Briar Rose, party fliers and a guide to running fetish flea markets.

Box#  Folder#
1  1. Handwritten affiliates addresses; Letters to Briar Rose 1988-89; handmade and photocopied fliers; Handwritten newsletters 1988; Flyer for Sluts For Sensation play party 1989; P.O. Box receipts; 1990 correspondence on Michigan Women’s Music Festival; Email

Series 4: Subject Files

Physical Description
22 folders

Series Scope and Contents
For the purpose of this collection subject files refers to a file folder titled “Other Clubs” containing documentation Jan kept on numerous clubs. These subject files have been alphabetically arranged by the processor; folders that were labeled by Jan have been photocopied and placed in their corresponding folder. Folders contain flyers, bylaws, membership applications, correspondence, statements of purpose, brochures, resource lists, and publications. These materials span from 1987-1999.

Box#  Folder#
  10. Foot Fraternity: member feedback; history of foot fetishism; erotica; newsletter; membership application; Foot Fraternity Volume 33 1988; The Fraternity pin.
  12. Leather and Lace: business cards.
14. Outcasts: operations and policies; business cards.
20. Tower City Corps: letter.
22. Miscellaneous: Letter from early Chicago women’s group; letter from Georgia Network Association; North American support group, clubs, and political action committees listing 1988; handwritten club and organization list; Three Rivers Leather Club (TRLC) calendar; resource list 1980s; Sluts For Sensation folder.

Series 5: Publications and Printed Matter

Physical Description
3 folders

Series Scope and Contents
This series contains articles, publications, event materials, programs, flyers, and brochures organized by Jan.

Subseries 5.1: Trans* Resources
Trans* is used as an umbrella term; the asterisk connotes the different identities that fall on the gender spectrum. Jan kept a folder of predominantly FTM transgender resources. In this folder are various fliers calling for transgender participants for medical surveys, documentary projects, and publications. This folder also contains copies of FTM International publications from 1996. Jan preserved photocopies of numerous essays on gender. This folder contains a publication catalogs, and event documentation.

Box# Folder#
1. Androderm patch study flyer; various publication fliers; Enterprise flyer; “Tricks of the Trade” Spencer Bergstedt and Andy 1996; FTM Newsletter Issue 1996; “Butch-Fem Relationships” Joan Nestle 1981; Second Annual FTM Conference of the Americas booklet photocopy; FTM Survey Project form; Transmutation flyer; FTM
Subseries 5.2: Feminism vs. S/M
This folder contains correspondence about the Michigan Women’s Music Festival disputes in 1990. Other essays and one college paper document tensions between feminism and S/M lifestyles.

Box# Folder#

Subseries 5.3: Miscellaneous
An assortment of advertising images depicting themes of S/M, along with pamphlets advertising erotic toys and clothing. Various news articles, an interview, brochures and essays.

Box# Folder#
1. “Topless Clubs Raided” photocopy 1989; AIDS Safe S/M brochure; “Raelyn Gallina” interview photocopy; statement from Marion A. Huddleston; Citi Magazine; Constance Enterprises advertising; images and advertising photocopies; “Marriage of Lady Enid Andrea Quinn and Lord Eric Richard La Doie” 1999.

Series 6: Artifacts

Physical Description
1 oversized box

Series Scope and Contents
One cassette tape titled “Do It Yourself SM.” Oversized print materials, including event/publications posters and newspaper articles. This collection also includes two unlabeled photos.

Box# Folder#
1. “Do It Yourself SM” cassette tape
2. The Link September 1996, newspaper
3. Gaze newspaper 1988
4. “LN Frauen Sex Magazine for Wimmin” Hamburg poster
5. “Celebration Costume Ball” poster
6. Unlabeled photos (x2)

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