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The Great Angling Lesbian Society (GALS) Collection, 1992 – 2006; (bulk) 1992 – 1999

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Fonds/Provenance: **Great Angling Lesbian Society (GALS)**

Series Number: -

Title: The Great Angling Lesbian Society (GALS) Collection

Date Range: 1992-2006; (bulk) 1992-1999

Extent: .25 linear feet (1 box)

Location: K1D (Row K, Bay 1, Shelf D)

Collection History:

The Great Angling Lesbian Society was a club established in the 1990's in which Lesbian or queer-identifying members would travel around the Midwestern US and Canada, often to national parks, on fishing excursions. In 1995 they stated in one of their newsletters that they “[were] going to be famous someday” and that “Gerber/Hart [would] be clamoring for [their] stuff.

Custodial History:

[No available accession information.]

Scope and Content:

The collection includes newsletters, meeting notes, booklets, handwritten and typed correspondence, invitations, advertisements, pamphlets, memos, maps, clippings, legal documents, itineraries, photographs, stickers, postcards, and membership related documents and ephemera.

Arrangement:

Organized into 11 series with one series per folder. Folders are arranged by artifact-type, and are dated to reflect the artifacts and ephemera within. Arrangement of folders is alphabetized followed by duplicates and potential separations.

Series:

1 Administrative Documents | Date Range: 1994-1995

2 Advertisements | Date Range: 1996

- 3 Clippings | Date Range: 1994-1997
- 4 Handwritten notes | Date Range: 1995-1996, bulk-undated
- 5 Informational Event Documents | Date Range: 1993-1997
- 6 Itineraries and related | Date Range: 1994-1997
- 7 Maps | Date Range: 1992[?]
- 8 Newsletters | Date Range: 1994-1995
- 9 Photographs | Date Range: Memorial Day, 1995
- 10 Postcards | Date Range: 1996, n.d.
- 11 Related to Illinois Association of LGBT Judges | Date: 10 May 2006
- 12 Stickers | Date Range: n.d.

Container List:

BOX 1

Series/File List:

0. Finding Aid

1. ADMINISTRATIVE DOCUMENTS

- 1.01 Business card, undated.
- 1.02 Typed correspondence and legal document, 25 May 1995.
- 1.03 General liability release and disclaimer form—signed by Carolyn Anne Pelham, 24 May 1994.
- 1.04 General liability release and disclaimer form—signed by Penny Thompson, 01 August 1994.
- 1.05 Membership information form, undated.
- 1.06 Voicemail network access instruction document, undated.
- 1.07 Voicemail document, undated

2. ADVERTISEMENTS

- 2.1 Mailer from Wisconsin State Parks and Forests, March, 1996.
- 2.2 Mailer from Chicagoland Fishing, Hunting, Travel, & Outdoor Show, undated.

3. CLIPPINGS

[no item level inventory]

4. HANDWRITTEN NOTES

- 4.1 Letter, from Cynthia Telon[?] to Sheryl [Pethers] regarding check for trip payment, 12 May 1995.
- 4.2 Letter, from “Donna” to “Sherry,” regarding GALS trip, 20 May 1995.
- 4.3 Letter, from “Donna + Marge” to “Sherry,” regarding GALS trip, 03 June 1995.
- 4.4 Note, from Jane[?] to “Sherry,” regarding trip payment, 16 May 19[??].

5. INFORMATIONAL EVENT DOCUMENTS

- 5.1 Information pamphlet for CK’s Outback, 1993.
- 5.2 Informational document regarding GALS Halloween party, October, 1996.
- 5.3 Informational document regarding GALS Memorial Day Bash, 1996.
- 5.4 Event calendar document for LOG, October, 1996.
- 5.5 Informational document regarding Shela’s B+B and Forest Camping Retreat, 02 February 1997.
- 5.6 Informational document regarding GALS excursion to Montrose Harbor, 26 April 19[??].

6. ITINERARIES

- 6.1 Seasonal itinerary, 16 March 1994.
- 6.2 Informational document regarding GALS trip, 1995.
- 6.3 Information document regarding GALS trip, 15 January 1996.
- 6.4 Letter, from [illegible] to GALS members regarding February events, 18 February 1997.
- 6.5 Letter with itinerary, from Sherry to GALS members regarding Labor Day weekend excursion, undated.
- 6.6 Typed itinerary regarding GALS Labor Day weekend excursion, undated.

7. MAPS

- 7.1 Map, Yellowstone Lake State Park, 1992.
- 7.2 Map, Wisconsin Dells area, undated.

8. NEWSLETTERS

- 8.1 Newsletter, regarding GALS’ first fishing trip outing to Montrose Harbor and first overnight trip, April-May, 1994.
- 8.2 Newsletter, regarding GALS fishing trips, June-July 1994.
- 8.3 Newsletter, regarding GALS fishing trips in Spring of 1995, 1995.

9. PHOTOGRAPHS

- 9.1 Color photograph, individuals eating, drinking, and socializing, May, 1995.
- 9.2 Color photograph, individual fishing, 1995.
- 9.3 Color photograph, individuals drinking and socializing, May, 1995.

- 9.4 Color photograph, two individuals holding up fish, undated.
- 9.5 Color photograph, individuals eating, drinking, and socializing at picnic tables, undated.
- 9.6 Color photograph, individual holding up fish, 1995.
- 9.7 Color photograph, blurry, fish tattoo, 1995.
- 9.8 Color photograph, two individuals fishing surrounded by greenery, 1995.
- 9.9 Color photograph, individuals eating around small table in room, 1995.
- 9.10 Color photograph, blurry, group of individuals smiling for camera under tent, 1995.
- 9.11 Color photograph, group of individuals smiling for camera under tent, undated.

10. POSTCARDS

- 10.1 Unused postcard, fishing scene, undated.
- 10.2 Postcard, from Yellowstone Lake State Park to Margaret Wangelin, July 1996.

11. RELATED TO ILLINOIS ASSOCIATION OF LGBT JUDGES

- 11.1 Meeting Minutes, includes sign-in sheet, meeting notes, mission statement of The Alliance of Illinois Judges (AIJ), and draft of GLBT Judges Association by-laws, 10 May 2006.

12. STICKERS

- 12.1 Sticker, GALS logo, undated.
- 12.2 Sticker sheet, "Hello my name is..." with fish, undated.

Separations:

None.

Restrictions:

No donor restriction. Standard restrictions apply (see G/H "Confidentiality Agreement" for archives use).

Related Fonds/Series:

None.

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Homosexuality--Social aspects

Homosexuality--Societies, etc

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