

# **Finding Aid to Penny Johnstone Papers**

**(2022-114)**

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Penny Johnstone Papers

**Collection Number:** 2022-114

**Physical Description:** 1 folder, 1 oversized folder

**Creator:** Penny Johnstone

**Date (inclusive):** circa 1976-1994

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** Penny Johnstone was a friend of Pat Bond's, a renowned actress and activist within the lesbian community who performed plays centered on lesbian history. This collection has pamphlets, advertisements, a movie poster, magazine features, and memorial pamphlets for Pat Bond.

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Conditions Governing Access:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Penny Johnstone in 2022.

**Processing Information:**

Finding Aid created by Sophia Faaland in 2022.

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**Biographical/Organizational History Note:** Penny Johnstone was a friend of Pat Bond's, a renowned actress, comedienne, and activist within the lesbian community who performed plays centered on lesbian history. This collection is Johnstone's collection of items relating to Pat Bond. Bond wrote and directed various one-woman shows that she performed in many states around the country, and received recognition from various newspapers and television shows. She passed away in 1990, and became memorialized as her friends created the Old Dyke Awards to honor old lesbians with underappreciated work.

**Scope and Content:** This collection has pamphlets, advertisements, a movie poster, magazine features, and memorial pamphlets for Pat Bond. The poster for the movie "Word Is Out" represents Bond's participation in the movie. Most of the material is articles or advertisements relating to Bond's iconic impersonation of Lorena Hickok, who allegedly had an affair with Eleanor Roosevelt during the Roosevelt administration. The collection also includes a photo of Pat with her partner, and a very small amount of material pertaining to Del Martin and Phyllis Lyon.

**Indexing Terms:**

Lesbians

Activism

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