

Inventory of the Carol Truscott Papers

(#1994-07)

Note: This document is a preliminary inventory, not a completed finding aid. The collection is surveyed but not processed, and its organization and composition are subject to change. This inventory is intended to help researchers better understand the general scope and content of the collection.

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Carol Truscott papers

Collection Number: 1994-07

Physical Description: 3 linear feet (5 manuscript boxes, 1 half manuscript box)

Creator: Carol Truscott

Date (inclusive): 1984-1992

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Carol Truscott was part of San Francisco's kink scene in the 1980s and early 1990s, and edited the *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*, a S&M how-to publication written for all genders and sexual orientations. The collection contains material from the Outcasts, the 15 Association, KISSSM and the Society of Janus, as well as extensive records from the *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*.

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Conditions Governing Access:

Collection is open for research, provided researchers are willing to sign a statement of confidentiality intended to protect the identity of third parties whose names appear in the records of kink groups in this collection. Please contact the GLBTHS Historical Society archives for a copy of the statement.

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Processing Information:

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Biographical/Organizational History Note: Carol Truscott was part of San Francisco's kink scene in the 1980s and early 1990s, and edited the *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*, a S&M how-to publication written for all genders and sexual orientations. Truscott was the founding editor of the journal, which was first published by Desmodus, Incorporated in 1988. She was a member of the Outcasts, the 15 Association, KISSSM, and the Society of Janus.

Scope and Content: The collection contains material from the Outcasts, the 15 Association, KISSSM and the Society of Janus, as well as extensive records from the *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*. There are also materials from S&M organizations and anti-censorship groups active outside of California. These include BAYFACT; the Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties; the Eulenspiegel Society; Shelix, the Chicagoland Discussion Group; the National Leather Association; L&L; Safe, Sane Consensual Adults (SSCA); and Beyond Vanilla. Materials related to *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal* and its publisher, Desmodus, Incorporated, include correspondence, legal records, meeting agendas, production files, source material, subject files, photographic materials, and artwork. Finally, there are materials related to the creation of an S&M Community Contingent in the San Francisco Pride Parade, including flyers, clippings, memos and correspondence, financial records, notes, and a Womanlink resource list and history.

The collection is arranged in three series: organizations, publications, and the S&M Community Contingent. The first box holds records of groups from the Bay Area S&M community. Among

these are the Outcasts, a social and educational organization that served the lesbian, heterosexual, transgender, and bisexual women's S&M community. Outcasts records include meeting minutes, financial records, flyers of activities, and a run of their newsletter, *The Lunatic Fringe*, from 1985 to 1989. The collection also includes records from the 15 Association (1986-89), KISSSM (1985-87), and the Society of Janus (1986 and 1990).

The second box contains records of anti-censorship organizations and kink groups and activities outside of California. The former include BAYFACT and the Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties, two of the most active anti-censorship organizations in California in the 1980s. Truscott also collected information on kink groups active in other cities in the US. Among these are the Eulenspiegel Society in New York City; Shelix in Northampton, Massachusetts; and the Chicagoland Discussion Group. The Shelix file contains a record of the interactions between the women's S&M groups and other feminist organizations. Finally, there are three files that contain information on S&M organizations that worked on a national level. Smaller amounts of material are held related to the National Leather Association; L&L; Safe, Sane Consensual Adults (SSCA); and Beyond Vanilla.

Boxes 3-5 contain materials related to Desmodus, Incorporated and *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*.

Indexing Terms:

Lesbians

Kink

Journalism

Container Listing

Box 1

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Announcements of Activities

Meeting Minutes, Personal Notes

Expense Summary

Withdrawal From Ms. Leather 1987

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Outcasts 1/87-12/87

Statement of Purpose 1/18/87

Meeting Minutes, Personal Notes

Lunatic Fringe

Flyers

Letters to Outcasts

Folder 3:

Outcasts 1/88-12/88

Who are The Outcasts? (essay)

Meeting Minutes, Personal Notes

Profit Information

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Letters

Lunatic Fringe

Folder 4:

Outcasts 1/89-12/89

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Meeting Minutes, Personal Information

Lunatic Fringe

Flyers

Personal stories, S&M Information
Problems With Women's Community
Other Articles Relating to the Outcasts

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Fifteen 1986-89

Safety and Admission Policies
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Torture Times News Updates

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Statement of Purpose
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Essay on the S&M Community and AIDS

Folder 7:

The Society of Janus 1990

Newsletters and Party Flyers, December 1989-December 91

Folder 8:

Folsom Street Fair and the Society of Janus, July 1986

Survey

Booth Registration Information

Box 2

Folder 1:

BAYFACT

Meeting Minutes, Personal Notes

Financial Information

Senate Bill to Amend Section 311 and 313 of the Penal Code (relating to pornography)

Letters

Articles

Folder 2:

Committee to Preserve Our Sexual and Civil Liberties 1986-89

Journal of Sexual Liberty February 1986-November 1989

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The Eulenspiegel Society

The Eulenspiegel Society's Creed

Flyers

Meeting Minutes

Prometheus Publications

Other Articles

Contacts With Carol Truscott

Folder 4:

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Meeting Minutes, Personal Notes, Announcements

Financial Information

Letters and Articles About Conflicts With Women's Community

Flyers

Ice Camins Brett

Folder 5:

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Newsletter

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SSCA merger with National Leather Association

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Folder 10:

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Early fall 1987 Nationwide Shopper

Box 3:

Folder 1: Correspondence, Desmodus, Incorporated, 1987-1991

Folders 2-5: Correspondence, Desmodus, Incorporated, 1987-1991

Folder 6: Desmodus, Incorporated, Lifestyles Trip, 1991

Folder 7: Desmodus, Incorporated, Legal, 1988

Folder 8: Desmodus, Incorporated, General – Meetings, Tony Agendas, 1987-1990

Folder 9: Desmodus, Incorporated, Contributor Sheets, 1988-1991

Folder 10: Desmodus, Incorporated, Masquerade Books, 1991

Folder 11: *Sandmutopia Guardian* production files, issues #8-10, 1990-1992

Box 4:

Folder 1: Desmodus, Incorporated, correspondence with B.N. Duncan (cartoonist), 1987-1992—
mostly incoming, with some outgoing and with cartoons

Folder 2: Geoff Mains, *Drummer*, 1989—subject file (about tribute)

Folder 3: *Sandmutopia Guardian*, source material, various issues, 1988

Folder 4: *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal #6*, Mark I. Chester, 1989

Folder 5: *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal #7* Source Material, 1989-1990

Folder 6: *Sandmutopia Guardian #7*, San Francisco scene, some prints, interviews, odd notes, 1988-1989

Folder 7: *Sandmutopia Guardian #8*, Production files and correspondence, 1990

Folder 8: *Sandmutopia Guardian #9*, Contact Sheets, Negatives, Source Material, 1990

Folder 9: *Sandmutopia Guardian*, various issues, Source Material, 1987-1989

Folder 10: *Sandmutopia Guardian and Dungeon Journal*, source material and correspondence, 1988-1989

Box 5:

Folders 1-5: *Sandmutopia Guardian #10*—production files, Buckley photos, Jill Poesner photos, anatomy drawings, hard copy, art, 1991

Box 6 (Oversize):

Materials relating to the creation of an S&M Community Contingent in the San Francisco Pride Parade, 1986-1998—includes flyers, clippings, memos and correspondence, financial records, notes, Womanlink resource list and history. Involves Society of Janus and Outcasts.