

**S0544 St. Louis Lesbian & Gay Pride Celebration Committee, (1979-),
Records, 1983-1992
18 Folders, 1 Tape, 1 Roll Microfilm**

MICROFILM

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The first Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration occurred in 1980, when it was called the Lesbians and Gays Walk for Charity. This event was sponsored by the Magnolia Committee (so called because their meetings were held in an apartment on Magnolia Street). Thus began a tradition which is still strong today in St. Louis. In 1981 the Magnolia Committee banded together with yet another committee and formed the St. Louis Lesbian and Gay Pride Celebration Committee, or Pride Committee. The newly formed Pride Committee proceeded to plan a Pride Celebration to be held annually every June during Gay and Lesbian Pride Month. Since the first "Pride Fest" in 1981, the event has grown in size, attendance, and scope. Each year the Pride Committee plans and organizes not only the Pride Fest, but also various fund raising events and other entertainment throughout the month of June.

SCOPE AND CONTENT

Much of the material contained within this collection is sporadic at best. Most of the guides to the Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebrations can be found in the St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Archives. The microfilm records, however, are an invaluable record of the activities of the committee in St. Louis, virtually from its inception. It is important to note, however, that the microfilm contained within this collection is restricted! Written permission from the St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Committee is required before access may be granted! This collection, while not very complete, is priceless because it documents the activities of a section of the population which is often ignored.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series 1, Flyers: This series contains flyers from different groups in the gay and lesbian community from 1992. Folders 1 and 2, arranged alphabetically by sponsoring group.

Series 2, Newsletters: This series contains newsletters from different groups from 1992. Folder 3.

Series 3, Pride Guides: This series contains Gay and Lesbian Pride Guides from around North America, excluding St. Louis, from 1988 to 1992. Folders 4 through 8, arranged alphabetically.

Series 4, St. Louis Pride Guides: This series contains Pride Guides for St. Louis from 1987 to 1991. Folders 9 through 13, arranged chronologically.

Series 5, Buttons: This series contains St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Buttons from 1990 through 1991. Folder 14, arranged on button pad.

Series 6, Recordings: This series contains a tape distributed by the Pride Committee during the 1987 Pride Celebration. Folder 15.

Series 7, Microfilm: This series contains information loaned to WHMC from the Pride Committee in 1992. The roll includes meeting minutes, announcements, finance reports, and correspondence ranging from 1982 to 1992. Folder 16, arranged by series on microfilm roll. The contents of the microfilm roll is restricted. Written permission from the Pride Committee must be obtained by the researcher.

Series 8, Artifacts: This series consists of raffle tickets, a cup, and a hat, a banner, and t-shirts from the annual St. Louis Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration. This material is loose in box 2 of the collection.

FOLDER LIST

SERIES 1: FLYERS

BOX 1

1. Lesbian and Gay Alliance for Justice/Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Committee, Protest, 6/92

2. Lesbian and Gay Human Rights Caucus, Meeting Announcement, 7/21/92

SERIES 2: NEWSLETTERS

3. "Mom's Apple Pie," Summer 1992 (Newsletter of the Lesbian Mothers' National Defense Fund)

SERIES 3: PRIDE GUIDES

4. Houston, 1992

5. Kansas City, 1992

6. San Diego, 1988

7. San Francisco, 1988

8. Vancouver, 1988

SERIES 4: ST. LOUIS PRIDE GUIDES

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SERIES 5: BUTTONS

14. Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Buttons, 1990; 1991; 1992; 1992

SERIES 6: RECORDINGS

15. Proud. Strong. United., June 1987

SERIES 7: MICROFILM

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16. General/Regular Meeting Minutes, 1982-92

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17. Parade Fest Banner, 1988

18. Raffle Ticket, n.d.

BOX 2 (Material in this box is not in folders)

1990 Pride Shirt, "Look to the Future" (White)
1990 Pride Shirt, "Look to the Future" (Sky Blue)
1990 Pride Shirt, "Look to the Future" (Black)
1991 Pride Shirt, "Together in Pride" (White)
1991 Pride Shirt, "Together in Pride" (Purple)
1992 Pride Shirt, "Pride=Power" (Black and Silver)
1992 Pride Shirt, "Pride=Power" (Black and White)
1992 Pride Shirt, "Pride=Power" (White, Sleeveless)
1992 Pride Shirt, "Pride=Power" (Blue and Pink on White)
Cup from undated Pride Celebration
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