

**L2011.23**  
**Kate Johnson and Debbie Zeyher**  
**Collection, 1975-2008**

**FINDING AID AUTHOR**

Gabrielle Garcia

**ACQUISITION INFORMATION**

Kate Johnson donated these materials to Lambda Archives of San Diego in 2011.

**PROCESSING INFORMATION**

This collection was processed by Gabrielle Garcia as part of the 2020 CSL Project.

**EXTENT**

Number of containers: 1  
Linear feet of shelf space: 0.5

**ABSTRACT**

**BIOGRAPHY OR HISTORY**

Kate Johnson

“Kathleen Fennimore “Kate” Johnson was a prominent member of San Diego’s LGBT community in the 1980’s through the early 2000’s. Kate began her Pride career in 1995 when she worked for San Diego Pride’s Exhibitor Relations (ER) team. Kate continued to be the Exhibitor Relations director for San Diego Pride until she resigned in 1999; but after her retirement, she continued to guide the new ER staff for a few years in the early 2000’s. Kate was also a co-founder of the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego (now known as Lambda Archives) and was credited in a biography paragraph as being responsible for implementing standard archival practices in the archives. Kate also co-founded the Ruby Slippers Club with then Executive Director of San Diego Pride, Mandy Schultz. The Ruby Slipper Club—funded by San Diego Pride—provided funding and materials for Wichita, Kansas Pride. This project was important to Kate as she was born in Kansas.”

Johnson passed away in her home on July 28, 2018. She was a close friend and caretaker of Jess Jessop.

## Debbie Zeyher

Zeyher was a former president of Lambda Archives of San Diego in the 1990s and a former lover of Kate Johnson.

### **COLLECTION SCOPE AND CONTENT**

This collection contains materials pertaining to LGBT publications, Lambda Archives of San Diego, the care and death of Jess Jessop. The materials include newspapers, magazines, a handbook, newsletters, correspondence, forms, and documents.

### **ARRANGEMENT**

This collection consists of 1 box divided into 4 series:

1. Series I: Publications
2. Series II: Lambda Archives of San Diego
3. Series III: Jess Jessop
4. Series IV: Miscellany

### **SEPARATED MATERIAL**

In this field, list any materials that have been removed from the collection and transferred to another collection, department (e.g., the library), or institution.

1. Plaques [L2011.23.01, Box 8]
  - a. San Diego Walks for Life 1989 "Thank you Debbie Zeyher and Kate Johnson"
2. Framed photos: [L2011.23.02, P119, Cold room cabinet Shelf 1]
  - a. Debbie Zeyher and Kate Johnson "Great results only"
3. Framed artwork: [L2011.23.03, photo room]
  - a. Framed pen and ink drawing
4. Posters: [Q0546-Q0548]
5. T-Shirts
  - a. 1 beige San Diego Walks for Life 1988 t-shirt
6. Buttons:
  - a. 1 "Pride = Power 1992" button with an image of a woman and a clown
  - b. 1 "San Diego Pride 25!" pin
  - c. 1 "Never, ever forget" pin in the shape of a torch
7. Tapes:
  - a. 2 tapes from San Diego Pride 1998
  - b. 1 tape from Morris Kight
  - c. 1 "Speaking the Vicious Part 1"

## **SUBJECTS**

Kate Johnson, Debbie Zeyher, Jess Jessop, Gary Rees, Richard Tanner, David Cohen, Gwen Snyder, Michael Killian, C. David Hollenbeck, Lambda Archives of San Diego (LASD), Lesbian and Gay Historical Society of San Diego (LGHSSD), Lesbian Herstory Archives, San Francisco Bay Area Gay and Lesbian Historical Society, Gay and Lesbian Historical Society of Northern California, newspapers, publications, lesbians, AIDS/HIV, death, women's movement, Bill Walker, Janna Hendler, Julie Warren, George Crabtree, Connie Jung Mills, Bruce Kamerling, Wing Café, San Diego Pride, San Diego Pride Parade, AIDS Walk San Diego

## **CONDITIONS GOVERNING ACCESS**

This collection is open and available for research use. Copyright restrictions apply.

## **PREFERRED CITATION**

The suggested citation for the collection is:

[Item Description]  
Kate Johnson and Debbie Zeyher Collection, 1975-2008  
Lambda Archives of San Diego  
San Diego, California

## **RELATED MATERIAL**

L2008.04, L2010.23, L2019.16

## **LOCATION NOTE**

C.3.1.1

## **LANGUAGES**

English

## **CONTAINER LIST**

<b>Box</b>	<b>Folder</b>	<b>Description</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>	
1	1	Non-San Diego LGBT Publications 1989-2004	1989-2004	
1	2	San Diego LGBT Publications 1981-2004	1981-2004	
1	3	Society of California Archivists Archival Planning Handbook 1990	1990	

1	4	Lambda Archives Newsletters and Correspondence 1991-2008	1991-2008	
1	5	SF (San Francisco) and NY (New York) Archives Publications and Correspondence 1990-1993	1990-1993	
1	6	Gary Rees Items 1989-1990	1989-1990	
1	7	Care of Jess Jessop 1990 [RESTRICTED]	1990	
1	8	Other Correspondence 1990-1994	1990-1994	
1	9	Ephemera		