

THE MINT MUSEUM OF ART INSTITUTIONAL ARCHIVES AR2013.7

Museum Shop Department Records

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Summary Information

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| Repository | The Mint Museum Archives |
| Title | MUSEUM SHOP DEPARTMENT RECORDS |
| Date [inclusive] | 1963-2010 |
| Extent | 0.4 Cubic feet 1 box |
| Language | English |
| Mixed materials [Box] | AR2013.7.1 |

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Biographical/Historical note

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With the knowledge of the opening of the Mint Museum of Craft + Design in 1998, the Auxiliary gifted the shop to the museum. The shop became part of the museum's operations and Sandy Fisher became an official employee of the museum.

Arrangement note

This collection was kept in the original order given by Sandy Fisher, Museum Shop Director.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

The Mint Museum Archives June 13, 2013

Related Materials

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Scope and Contents note

Contains photographs, newspaper clippings, membership directories, and information on the Museum shop, which was begun through the efforts of the Woman's Auxiliary.

History

AR2013.7.1 Box 1: Blue Photo Album 1980-1998 1 box Selected preservation copying needed. Material should be removed from the scrapbook and re-housed.

Related Archival Materials note

Please see Mayberry History Collection, AR2013.1.

Scope and Contents note

Museum shop related news clippings from membership newsletters, the Charlotte Observer, photographs, and references to Sandy Fisher, retail operations manager. Highlights merchandise sold in the museum shop corresponding to current exhibitions. Dated late 1980s-1998.

AR2013.7.1.1 Box 1 Folder 1: Holiday Photographs N.D. 1 folder Photographs need to be removed and added to the AV collection.

Related Archival Materials note

Please see original photographs in the AV collection.

Scope and Contents note

Color photographs of holiday displays in the museum shop. Undated.

AR2013.7.1.2 Box 1 Folder 2: Auxiliary Membership Directory 2005-2006 1 folder

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Scope and Contents note

Copy of the Mint Auxiliary Membership directory, dated 2005-2006. Includes telephone numbers, home addresses, and e-mail addresses of members.

AR2013.7.1.3 Box 1 Folder 3: Past History 1970-2008 1 folder Photographs need to be photocopied and removed from this folder and added to the AV collection.

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Scope and Contents note

Black and white photographs of Mint museum shop, the wholesale license for the shop, dated July 27, 1988, effective from July 1, 1988-June 30, 1989, reports, official history of the museum shop, newspaper clippings, correspondence, documents relating to the 50th anniversary of the museum shop. Date range from 1970-2008.

AR2013.7.1.4 Box 1 Folder 4: Grand Re-Opening Photographs 1986 1986 1 folder Photographs need to be photocopied and removed from this folder and added to the AV collection.

Related Archival Materials note

Please see original photographs in the AV collection.

Scope and Contents note

Color photographs of museum shop displays and grand re-opening, circa 1986.

AR2013.7.1.5-AR2013.7.1.6 Box 1 Folders 5-6: Publicity 1965-2010 2 folders Selected preservation copying needed.

Scope and Contents note

Museum shop publicity, including print ads, newspaper articles, forms, and shop bags used for customer purchases, communications, and postcards sold in the shop, membership newsletters, etc. dated 1965-2010. Includes information on the history of the shops and the management by the Mint's Auxiliary group prior to paid staff

History

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AR2013.7.1.7 Box 1 Folder 7: Woman's Auxiliary 1963-1969 1 folder Selected preservation copying needed.

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Scope and Contents note

Homemade artistic handbook “The Mint Museum Shop: A Project of the Woman’s Auxiliary”, undated. Charming book including history of the shop, newspaper clippings, and images of items sold in the museum shop.