

Museum of New Mexico Photo Group Records

New Mexico Museum of Art Library and Archives

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Extent: 0.4167 linear feet [1 document box]

Dates: 1992-1996

Language: English

Scope and content

This collection documents the history of the Photo Group, a subgroup of the Museum of New Mexico Foundation that existed from 1990-1996. Materials in this collection include correspondence, organizational charts and administrative guidelines, meeting minutes, memorandums, membership lists, newsletters, financial reports, and some pamphlets/flyers about the group's activities. Many of the documents in the collection were written by or concern staff members at the art museum, particularly Curator of Photography, Steve Yates, and Directors David Turner and Stuart Ashman. Other active members of the Photo Group named in these records are Joan Coke, Austin Lamont and photographer Gay Block. Folders were grouped mostly as they were found and papers are arranged chronologically.

History

The Museum of New Mexico Foundation was founded in 1962 as a private fundraising institution to support the four state museums in Santa Fe that comprised the Museum of New Mexico. In 1990 a special interest group was formed within the Museum of New Mexico Foundation, named the Museum of New Mexico Photo Group. The purpose of this group was "to further the appreciation of photography as fine art by conducting educational programs, and to support the New Mexico Museum of Fine Art's photography program [...] through annual donations to the Museum of New Mexico Foundation." The group officially disbanded in 1996.

Related Materials:

The papers of another Museum of New Mexico Foundation subgroup, Friends of Contemporary Art (FOCA), are stored separately in the museum archives.

The museum archives contain separate files for the exhibitions and events sponsored by the Photo Group which were held at the art museum.

The museum library also has exhibition catalogs and vertical files for artists and private galleries that were members of the Photo Group from 1992-1996.

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