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Collection Contents

Series One, The Personal Files 1/1-1/8

Scope and Content

This series includes her memorial program, her biography, her biorhythms chart, correspondence, information on the Threshold Choir, several files of an assortment of her interests: political, musical, personal, photos, her employment history. Of special interest is the file containing Nancy's writings from high school and college pertaining to the mental health challenges she faced.

Box 1, file1, Nancy Thomas 2019 Obituary

Box 1, file 2 high school/college writings

Box 1, file 3, resume

Box 1, file 4 work life

Box 1, file 5, threshold choir

Box 1, file 6, interests 1

Box 1, file 7, interests 2, 2001-2004

Box 1, file 8, photos

Series Two, The Political Files 1/9-1/45

Scope and Content

Including material on Fat Politics, fat positive organizations, fat positive performances/workshops/classes, fat positive and fat negative articles, fat positive catalogs and periodicals such as *Fat Sol*, *Radiance*, and others. Of particular interest: An article on fat politics by Elana Dykewoman, well known lesbian feminist author; files on fat positive groups such as NAAFA (National Association for the Advancement of Fat Acceptance) including newsletters, conferences, planning and goals; file on Polly's Fat Follies, a musical written by Judy reespirit, member of Fat Lip, including the entire script in which Nancy was a performer. A VCR video of this is found in Ephemera, Box 4

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Box 1, file 9, Fat Feminist Herstory, 1969-1993

BOX 1, file 10, "Fat Politics" by Elana Dykewoman, 1980

Box 1, file 11, Fat Underground statement of purpose; Santa Monica CA, 1974

Box 1 file 12, articles

Fat Positive Groups Files 1/13-28

Box 1, file 13, Fat Activist organizations 1970-2004

Box 1, file 14, NAAFA, goals/planning

Box 1, file 15, NAAFA Bay Area Newsletters 1993-1997

Box 1 file 16, NAAFA National Newsletters, 1992-2003

Box 1, file 17, NAAFA correspondances, 1992-1995

Box 1, file 18, NAAFA Conferences, programs

Box 1, file 19, NAAFA publications

Box 1 file 20, NAAFA Fat Feminist Forum 1993-1994

Box 1, file 21, Body Image Task Force (Santa Cruz event) 1993-1994

Box 1, file 22, Everybody's Coalition 1994

Box 1, file 23, Lesbian Fat Activist Network; newsletters; 1994, 1995

Box 1, file 24, Association for Health Enrichment (AHELP) 1995-1996

Box 1, file 25, NoLose; National Organization for Lesbians of Size, 2000

Box 1, file 26, People's Theater Coalition, 1983-1984

Box 1, file 27, Revolutionary Petunias; 1994-1996

Box 1, file 28, Ample Opportunity, Inc. 1993

Fat Positive Conferences/Workshops/Performances Files 1/29-36

**Box 1, file 29, Polly's Phat Follies, Judy Freespirit, 2015
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**Box 1, file 30, Fat Women's Gathering, video releases,
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Box 1, file 31, Fat Fest 2004

Box 1, file 32, NOW Conference; 1998

**Box 1, file 33, Fear of Fat Workshop, Jessica Barshay
1983**

**Box 1, file 34, Lake Austin Spa Resort Conference 1992-
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Box 1, file 35, fat positive flyers/workshops/pamphlets

Box 1, file 36, conference/resources

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Box 1, file 37, fat positive articles

Box 1, file 38, fat negative articles

Box 1, file 39, fat negative booklets

Box 1, file 40, fat positive resources

Box 1, file 41, *Radiance* magazine, 1989

Box 1, file 42, *FatGirl* magazines, 1994-1996

Box 1, file 43, *FAT!SO?* magazines, 1993-94

Box 1, file 44, *DB Magazine* 1994

Box 1, file 45, *EXTRA* magazine, 1994

Series Three, Fat Lip Readers Theater

Scope and Contents, Boxes 2, 3 plus oversize file in 4

This series includes administrative files, correspondence, meeting notes, planning and financial records, membership lists and photos. In addition, there are flyers, files on specific performances, press releases, reviews, performed pieces by authors in alphabetical order. Of special interest: see “A History of Fat Lip” by Laura Bock and Cath Thompson; material pertaining to the making of their video “Nothing to Lose”; articles in *California Magazine* and *US Magazine*, a manuscript of a book written and submitted to a literary agent for possible publication called A Figure Such as Mine: Fat and Female in America; and in Box 4 an oversize scrapbook binder kept by Nancy Thomas

Administrative Files 2/1-2/25

Box 2, file 1, Readers Theaters, how to

Box 2, file 2, FLRT History and credits

Box 2, file 3, FLRT “expectations”

Box 2, file 4, Disability Access Guidelines/Wry Crips

Box 2, file 5, FLRT stationary

Box 2, file 6, contracts, performance requirements

Box 2, file 7, FLRT lists of members

Box 2, file 8, mailing lists

Box 2, file 9, job openings

Box 2, file 10, correspondance, internal, 1982-1984

Box 2, file 11, correspondance, external, 1982-1984

**Box 2, file 12, correspondance, internal 1985-1988,
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**Box 2, file 13, correspondance, external 1985-1988,
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Box 2, file 14, financials

Box 2, file 15, meeting notes 1

Box 2, file 16, meeting notes 2

Box 2, file 17, meeting notes 3

Box 2, file 18, ideas for the future

Box 2, file 19, FLRT Newsletter, 1997

Box 2, file 20, publishing project 1 1989

Box 2, file 21, book proposal 2, 1989

Box 2, file 22, retreat rentals

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Box 2, file 24, photos, promos and group shots 1

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Box 2, file 27, rehearsal schedule, Santa Rosa

Box 2, file 28, flyers, 1983-2004

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Box 2, file 30, programs 1989-1991

Box 2, file 31, Women’s Music Festival, 1982

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Box 2, file 33, Donahue letters 1

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Box 2, file 40, Seattle performances 1983

Box 2, file 41, National Theater Festival 1983-984

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Box 2, file 43, Fort Mason, 1984

Box 2, file 44, Womens' Music and Comedy Festival, 1985

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Box 2, file 47, 5th Anniversary, 1986

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Box 2, file 51, Anne's Memorial, 1989

Box 2, file 52, Fat Dykes on Castro, 1991

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Box 2, file 55, Hot Lips 1993

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Box 2, file 57, workshop, no date

Box 2, file 58, workshop materials

Box 2, file 59, community Womens Center, Oakland

Media Files 2/60-2/65

Box 2, file 60, possible publicity

Box 2, file 61, press releases

Box 2, file 62, calendar listings and ads

Box 2, file 63, *California Magazine*

Box 2, file 64 *US Magazine*

Box 2, file 65, *Woman of Power*, 1990

Oversized file1 box 4/1, *The Lesbian News*

Writings, including Alphabetical by FLRT writers Files 2/66-3/35

**Box 2, file 66, FLRT sample pieces 1990s (the #400s)
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Box 3 file 2, script lists

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Box 3, file 4, Judith Black

Box 3, file 5, Laura Bock

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Box 3, file 12, Marilyn Hollinger

Box 3, file 13, Leah Kushner

Box 3, file 14, Soo Hoo Lee

Box 3, file 15, Sherrin Loyd

Box 3, file 16, Judith Masur

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Box 3, file 18, April Miller

Box 3, file 19, Elana Moser

Box 3, file 20, Edith Peck

Box 3, file 21, Shanju

Box 3, file 22, Cathleen Sheil

Box 3, file 23, Carol Squires

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Box 3, file 27, Cath Thompson

Box 3, file 28, Susan Williams-Takalo

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Box 3, file 33, openers

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FLRT Videos Box 3

Box 3, “Nothing to Lose”, 3 copies

“Nothing to Lose”, outtakes

Fat Lip 10th Birthday, 5/91

Fat Lip 10th Anniversary, 5/1991

Fat Lip 1

Phil Donahue Show, 2 hours, 1983

Phil Donahue 6 hour version, 1983

Evening Magazine, 12/1884

“People are Talking”, 8/9/1984

Fat Lip TV Explosion

Series 4, Ephemera Box 4

Scope and Contents

The collection includes cassette tapes of meeting, workshops and performances, several VCR tapes, political buttons, Fat Lip t-shirts, and a Fat Lip fan. All of these are of particular interest.

Box 4, file 1, “*The Lesbian News*”, 1/1993, Page 40 oversize)

Buttons

Box 4, “Worth your Weight”, Pot Belly Cycling Association, 2

T-shirts

Box 4, Fat Lip Reader’s Theater, pink

Box 4, fall women’s gathering, SF/Oakland/Bay Area, 1994, white

Video Tapes

Box 4, Polly’s Phat Follies, 11/13/2000

Box 4, Peace Camp at Cotati

Box 4, Fat Film/Gallery Art

Box 4, Happy Birthday NAAFA 25th Anniversary, 1994

Box 4, Judith Masur, 50th Birthday Performance, Mama Bears, 3/16/1996

Box 4, Life in the Fat Lane

Box 4, “Beyond Blindness”, “Creativity New York School”

Box 4, small box of cassette tapes, including:

Music, 2 cassettes:

1 cassette 1995, Womens Chorus Invitational

1 cassette 2006, Song swap WWLHF

Fat Activism 9 cassettes

1 cassette, 1994 Fat Underground 3 tapes (panel)

3 cassettes, 1994 Fat Feminist Gathering, including fashion show

1 cassette, 1998 Fat Fest, Fat and Disabilities

1 cassette, 1998 Padded Lilies (fat synchronized swimmers)

3 cassette, 2003 Pollie's Phat Follies

Fat Lip 6 cassetes

1 cassette, How to form a Readers Theater

2 cassettes, Fat Lip Closeup

2 cassettes, Fat Lip Reunion

1 cassette, Fat Lip, with ? insigna

Others

2 cassettes, Friday evening, intros and dinner

2 cassettes, Talent shows

2 cassettes, 1994 Herstory

1 cassette, 1994-95 Houses at Home, Inside the Wrong Trousers

1 cassette, 1996 Judith's 50th birthday show (Mama Bears)

Binders

Box 4, Fat Lip Writings by Members, 1-400+

Box 4, FLRT Scrapbook compiled by Nancy Thomas

Other

**Box 4, Fat Lip fan by FLRT member Ada Grenoble,
artwork by FLRT member Judith Masur**