



Finding Aid to the Dodi Horvat Papers (#1994-08)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Dodi Horvat papers

Collection Number: 1994-08

Physical Description: 0.4 linear feet (1 manuscript box)

Creator:

Horvat, Dodi and Thyme Siegel

Date (inclusive): circa 1970s-1993

Language of Material: English

Abstract: Dodi Horvat was a scientist and science fiction writer. This collection consists of Horvat's creative notes, a small amount of research material, and interviews with transgender men conducted by Thyme Siegel.

Preferred Citation:

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Conditions Governing Access:

Collection is open for research.

Publication Rights:

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society in 1997 by Thyme Siegel.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Isaac Fellman in 2018, based on unattributed preliminary notes and catalog entries.

This finding aid uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

Biographical / Organizational Information:

Dodi Horvat (1940-1989) was a microbiologist and mycologist who also wrote science fiction. Earlier archivists' unattributed notes give contradictory accounts of Horvat's name and identity, listing their formal name as either "Dodi-Dolores" or "Dorothy," and describing them variously as a lesbian and a transgender man. Horvat lived in San Francisco from 1967 to 1989 and was active in the Gay and Lesbian Sierrans. They played in the Options for Women Over 40 Theatre Group and helped facilitate the Lesbians Over 40 Rap Group of Options.

Scope and Content:

The majority of this collection consists of Horvat's unpublished fiction and elaborate notes on characters and plots, as well as extensive writings about the culture, politics, geography, religion and populations of their constructed world, which includes an original system of gender and sexuality. Additional materials include one notebook on Bay Area fauna and mushrooms, as well as a series of photographs of Horvat with friends from the 1970s and 1980s (with several figures identified in handwritten notes by Siegel). A tape of three interviews with transmasculine people by Siegel, later published in the October 1993 issue of *Off Our Backs*, is also included. Siegel's taped interview with Jamison Green was originally included, but has been moved to the oral history collection, and several zines were moved to the periodicals collection.

Arrangement:

This is a small collection arranged without series.

Indexing Terms

Transgender people's writings
Lesbians' writings