

# **Finding Aid to the Eileen Lee Papers**

**(2018-92)**

**Repository:** Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

**Collection Title:** Eileen Lee papers

**Collection Number:** 2018-92

**Physical Description:** 0.4 linear feet (1 manuscript box)

**Creator:** Lee, Eileen

**Date (inclusive):** 1990-1994

**Language of Material:** English

**Abstract:** The collection includes material related to Eileen Lee and Marilyn Abbink's documentary, *Women of Gold*, which focuses on Asian and Pacific Islander women who participated in the 1990 Gay Games in Vancouver, Canada. Materials include VHS and U-Matic copies of the film; photographic prints, negatives, and contact sheets; film screening ephemera; and printed materials and ephemera from Gay Games 1990 and Gay Games 1994.

**Preferred Citation:**

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**Conditions Governing Access:**

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**Acquisition Information:**

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Eileen Lee in December 2018.

**Processing Information:**

Collection processed and finding aid created by Devin McGeehan Muchmore in 2024 with funding provided by the National Archives' National Historical Publications & Records Commission.

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**Biographical Note:**

Eileen Lee was born in New York state and grew up in Taiwan, Singapore, and the Philippines. She attended San Francisco State University, graduating with a degree in broadcasting arts. She and Marilyn Abbink co-founded Lee/Abbink Productions to produce *Women of Gold* in 1990. In a May 1991 article in *Outlines* in which Lee and Abbink discuss the video, Lee commented on motivations for making the film: "I want other Asian lesbians to not feel like they're alone."

**Scope and Content:**

This collection contains materials related to Eileen Lee and Marilyn Abbink's *Women of Gold*, a documentary about Asian and Pacific Islander women participating in Celebration '90: Gay Games III and Cultural Festival in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada. Materials include VHS and U-Matic copies of the film; photographic prints, negatives, and contact sheets; film screening ephemera; and printed materials and ephemera from Gay Games 1990 and Gay Games 1994.

**Indexing Terms:**

LGBTQ  
Lesbians  
Sports  
Asian Americans  
Photographs  
Motion Pictures

**Container Listing**

Box 1: Folders 1-2  
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Gay Games III ephemera, 1990  
Photographic negatives, 1990

1:4	Photographs and contact sheets, 1990
1:5	<i>The Spirit Captured: The Official Photojournal of Celebration '90—Gay Games III &amp; Celebration Festival</i> (1990)
1:6	<i>Unity: A Celebration of Gay Games IV and Stonewall</i> (1994)
1:7	<i>Women of Gold</i> program survey, circa 1990
1:8	<i>Women of Gold</i> screening ephemera, 1990-1991
Box 1	Two <i>Women of Gold</i> (1990) VHS cassette tapes
Box 1	Unlabeled U-matic cassette tape, circa 1990