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**Abstract**

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This collection consists of minutes, financial information and reports, photographs, newsletters, and ribbons of the Zeeland Chapter of the Embroiderers Guild of America.

- **Accession No:** H97-1293
- **Storage Location:** M072a-b
- **Provenance:** Embroiderers Guild of America, Zeeland Chapter
- **Donor:** Colleen Conway
- **Photographs:** 233 images (Boxes 2 and 3)
- **Processed by:** Michael Douma, June 2002

**History**

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**Scope and Content**

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are arranged alphabetically by subject and their contents arranged in chronological order.

**Container List**

**Box 1**

- Advertisement, n.d.
- Book of Signatures, 1991-1995
- Brochures, n.d.
- Correspondence, 1987-1994
- Current Meeting, 1991-1993
- Education Department, 1993-1994

**Financial Information**

- Annual Reports, 1992
- Internal Revenue Service, n.d.
- Paid Bills, 1982
- Receipts and Notes, n.d.


**Folder Contents, President, 1984-1985**

**Great Lakes Region**

- Bylaws, 1989
- Information and Correspondence, 1990, n.d.
- Newsletter, 1989-1994
- Officers Notebook, 1987-1989
- Thank You Poster, n.d.

**Great Pumpkin Fest, 1989-1992**

**Handbook, Programming, 1979**

**Hearts Pattern, 1988**

**Information about Members, n.d.**

**Introductory Program in Surface Stitchery, 1987**

**Lending Library List, 1989**

**Librarian Pages, 1989-1992, n.d.**

**Master Copies of Forms, 1994, n.d.**

**Membership, n.d.**

**Membership Cards, n.d.**

**Membership History, 1982, 1983, n.d.**

**Membership Lists, 1981-1992**

**Membership, Regional and National, 1991-1992**

**Membership Information, Address Forms, n.d.**

**Mini-Themebook, n.d.**

**Minutes, 1980-1988**

**Minutes and Related Materials, 1989-1995** (2 folders)
Money Bag, FMB, n.d.

Box 2

National Mailing, Presidents Packets, 1992-1994
National Membership Readouts, n.d.
Newsletter, 1980-1989
Newspaper Clippings, n.d.
Past Meetings, 1990-1995
Patterns, n.d.
Pattern, Nissen, A Mischievous Elf, 1991
Photographs, n.d. (21 images)
Pens and Pencils, 1994, n.d.
Receipts and Notes, 1988, n.d.
Regional Seminar, 1993
New Membership Options, 1985
Ribbons
   1st Place Booth Exhibit, Ottawa County Fair, 1985
   1st and 2nd Place, n.d.
   2nd Place Booth Exhibit, Ottawa County Fair, n.d.
   Best of Show, Zeeland EGA, n.d.
   Booth Exhibit C Award, Ottawa County Fair, 1985
   Honorable Mention and 3rd Place, n.d.
   People’s Choice, Zeeland EGA, n.d.
Stationery, n.d.
Sew and So Newsletter, 1988-1995
Surveys, n.d.
Telephone Bills, n.d.
Traveling Teacher Tour, 1993
Treasurer, 1991-1994
Vice President, 1989
Zeeland Chapter, Bylaws, 1986
Zeeland Chapter Logo Art, n.d.
Checkbooks and Savings Account Books, n.d.
Ink Stampers, n.d.
Business Cards, n.d.

Box 3

Scrapbooks
   1982-1989 (139 images)
   1990-1991 (73 images)