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A Finding Aid to the Cynthia Johanson photographs of artists and works of art, 1987-2007, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Cynthia Johanson photographs of artists and works of art
Date:	1987-2007
Identifier:	AAA.sellbett
Creator:	Sellen, Betty-Carol
Extent:	0.8 Linear feet
Language:	English .
Summary:	The Cynthia Johanson photographs of artists and works of art measure 0.8 linear feet and date from 1987 to 2007. Found are color snapshots and slides of American folk and self-taught artists and their artwork taken by Cynthia Johanson. The photographs were used as resource material for two reference books, <i>20th Century American Folk, Self Taught, and Outside Art</i> and <i>"Self Taught, Outsider, and Folk Art: A Guide to American Artist, Locations and Resources</i> , written as a collaboration by librarian Betty-Carol Sellen with Johanson. Included are photos of Loy Bowlin, Norman Scott "Butch" Quinn, Fred Smith, Mary T. Smith, and others. Also found are scattered photographs by Jane Botham.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

The collection was donated by Betty-Carol Sellen in 2013.

Processing Information

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Preferred Citation

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Restrictions

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Biographical / Historical

Cynthia Johanson is a Folk Art Society of America and American Library Association member.

Betty-Carol Sellen is an author and librarian. Sellen serves on the Board of Directors for Art Enables in Washington, D.C. and is a member of the National Advisory Board for the Folk Art Society of America. Sellen and Johanson collaborated on two books regarding folk, self-taught, and outsider art.

Scope and Contents

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Arrangement

Due to the small size of this collection the papers are arranged as one series.

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Folk art
- Outsider art
- Women authors
- Women photographers

Names:

- Botham, Jane
- Johanson, Cynthia J.

Occupations:

- Authors -- Washington (D.C.)
- Librarians -- Washington (D.C.)

Container Listing

Series 1: Photographs, 1987-2007

0.8 Linear feet (Boxes 1-2)

Scope and Contents: Series includes color snapshots and slides of American folk and self-taught artists and their artwork, taken by Cynthia Johanson. The photographs were used as resource material for two reference books. Included are images of Minnie Adkins, Cyril Billiot, Ivy Billiot, Georgia Blizzard, Adam Brandau, Loy Bowlin, Vernon Burwell, Thornton Dial, Tom Every, James Harold Jennings, Norman Scott "Butch" Quinn, Rudy Rotter, J. P. Scott, Vollis Simpson, Herbert Singleton, Fred Smith, Mary T. Smith, and others. Also included are a handful of photographs of environmental sites in Wisconsin, taken by Jane Botham in 2007.

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Box 1, Folder 2	Baron, Jack, circa 1996
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Box 1, Folder 4	Billiot, Cyril, circa 1990
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Box 1, Folder 7	Brandau, Adam, 1996
Box 1, Folder 8	Bowlin, Loy "The Rhinestone Cowboy", 1992
Box 1, Folder 9	Briggs, Herron, circa 1996
Box 1, Folder 10	Burwell, Vernon, circa 1995
Box 1, Folder 11	Cooper, Calvin, 1999
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Box 2, Folder 8	Muth, Marcia, circa 1995
Box 2, Folder 9	Quinn, Normal Scott "Butch", 1989-1993
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Box 2, Folder 11	Rotter, Rudy, circa 1997

Box 2, Folder 12	Rusch, Herman, circa 1997
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Box 2, Folder 18	Singleton, Herbert, 1991
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Box 2, Folder 20	Smith, Fred, 2007
Box 2, Folder 21	Smith, Mary T., circa 1991
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