A Finding Aid to the Bob Stocksdale and Kay Sekimachi Papers, circa 1900-2015, in the Archives of American Art

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Collection Overview

Repository: Archives of American Art
Title: Bob Stocksdale and Kay Sekimachi papers
Identifier: AAA.stockbob
Date: circa 1900-2015
Extent: 19.5 Linear feet
        0.125 Gigabytes
Source: Stockdale, Kay Sekimachi
        Stockdale, Bob, 1913-2003
Language: The collection is in English.
Summary: The papers of woodturner Bob Stocksdale and fiber artist Kay
        Sekimachi measure 19.5 linear feet and 0.125 GB and date from circa
        1900 to 2015. Found are biographical materials, correspondence,
        writings, professional files, exhibition files, project files, personal
        business records, printed and digital material, scrapbooks,
        photographic material, and artwork. Of note are records from
        Sekimachi’s forced internment during World War II at Tanforan
        Assembly Center and Topaz War Relocation Center from 1942 to 1944.

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information
The Bob Stocksdale and Kay Sekimachi papers were donated in 2003, 2004, and 2015 by Kay
Stockdale Sekimachi as part of the Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and
Decorative Arts in America.

Related Materials
Also found in the Archives of American Art are an oral history interview of Bob Stockdale
conducted February 16-March 21, 2001, by Signe Mayfield and an oral history interview of
Both interviews were conducted in Berkeley, California, during the Archives of American Art's
Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America.

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Biographical / Historical

Bob Stocksdale (1913-2003) was a woodturner active in California. He was known for bowls he formed from rare types of wood. Kay Sekimachi (1926- ) is a Japanese-American fiber artist and educator also active in California. She began her career in weaving on and off the loom and was part of the New Basketry movement.

Born in Indiana, Bob Stocksdale began his interest in carving by whittling with a pocket knife. Later, he created his own lathe with a washing machine motor and turned items such as baseball bats. During World War II, he was a conscientious objector and worked at various camps performing forestry work. It was in one of the camps that he turned his first bowl on a lathe.

After the war, Stocksdale settled in the Bay Area of California where he established his own woodturning shop in his basement. He concentrated on making bowls out of rare woods. His work has been recognized throughout the world and in 1998, he received the American Association of Woodturners Lifetime Achievement Award. In 2003, he received the James Renwick Alliance Masters of the Medium Award.

Kay Sekimachi was born in San Francisco, California in 1926. As a high school student, she was forcibly interned through Executive Order 9066 issued by President Franklin D. Roosevelt which incarcerated approximately 120,000 Japanese and Japanese-American citizens during World War II. Along with her mother and siblings, Kay lived at Tanforan Assembly Center and later moved to Topaz War Relocation Center in Utah. She continued her schooling at Topaz and after 1944, was resettled in Cincinnati, Ohio.

After graduating from high school, Kay Sekimachi enrolled at the California College of Arts and Crafts and the Haystack Mountain School of Crafts where she learned the craft of weaving under Trude Guermanprez and Jack Lenor Larsen. Her early works were tapestries and garments. She later used her weaving techniques as part of the New Basketry movement to create baskets and boxes out of fibers. Also an educator, Kay taught weaving at San Francisco Community College. She received the American Craft Council Gold Medal for Consummate Craftsmanship in 2002.

After the dissolution of his first marriage through which he had two children, son Kim and daughter Joy Stocksdale, Bob married Kay Sekimachi in 1972. The two had been acquainted for many years as they
were both craft artists living in the Bay Area. Although they married later in life, Kay and Bob travelled the world and exhibited their art together in many exhibitions including *Marriage in Form* and *Loom and Lathe*.

Bob Stocksdale died in Oakland, California in 2003. Kay Sekimachi continues to exhibit her work and lives in Berkeley, California.

Scope and Contents

The papers of woodturner Bob Stocksdale and fiber artist Kay Sekimachi measure 19.5 linear feet and 0.125 GB and date from circa 1900 to 2015. Found are biographical materials, correspondence, writings, professional files, exhibition files, project files, personal business records, printed and digital material, scrapbooks, photographic material, and artwork. Of note are records from Sekimachi's forced internment during World War II at Tanforan Assembly Center and Topaz War Relocation Center from 1942 to 1944.

The bulk of biographical materials are from Kay Sekimachi with some originating from her time spent in forced internment at Topaz and Tanforan camps. These records include identification cards, War Relocation Authority printed materials, and school records. Also found are awards, resumes, and blank stationery. Some materials are from Stocksdale's 85th birthday and memorial service.

Letters and extensive greeting cards are from friends, family, and professional acquaintances. Correspondents include Norman Anderson, Peter Collingwood, Jack Lenor Larsen, Sam and Alfreda Maloof, Forrest L. Merrill, Miné Okubo, Barbara Shawcroft, and others.

Writings and notes are scattered and include two interviews with Kay Sekimachi, hanging instructions, and notes. Writings by others are by Jack Lenor Larsen, Tran Turner, and Yoshiko Uchida.

Sekimachi's and Stocksdale's professional activities are documented through files relating to their participation at conferences, awards ceremonies, and lectures. Also found are fiber samples, order forms for materials and equipment, and notes on techniques and design by Kay Sekimachi. Exhibition records include extensive documentation on *Marriage in Form*, *In the Realm of Nature*, and *Loom and Lathe* as well as files for various solo and group exhibitions for both Sekimachi and Stocksdale. Gallery and institution files include material on multiple or unnamed exhibitions. Exhibition documentation may include correspondence, writings, proposals, printed material, financial and loan records, condition reports, and photographs. Project files contain material for proposed book projects, a retrospective, and portfolio, by and about Sekimachi and Stocksdale. Also found are three commissions files for works by Sekimachi. A proposed retrospective on the work of Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi includes a digital sound recording of recollections.

Personal business records include sales books, purchase records for works of art by others, appraisals, contracts, consignment receipts, and insurance records.

Published books, clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs, magazines, and newsletters are found within printed materials. Of note is a publication by the *San Francisco Chronicle* entitled "This World" which features illustrations by Miné Okubo.

Four scrapbooks compiled by Kay Sekimachi date from 1937 to 1944. Most of the scrapbooks contain printed material from magazines and other sources with images such as children, valentines, food, birds, clothing, and may include scattered sketches and notes by Sekimachi. One scrapbook dates from the end of Sekimachi's internment at Topaz and relocation to Cincinnati, Ohio. This scrapbook includes sketches and printed materials concerning local and global events. Loose material found in this series was likely meant to be pasted into a new or the forth scrapbook. These materials include relocation information, Japanese-American publications, maps, clippings, sketches, and printed programs.
The bulk of photographic materials consist of slides of various vacation locations and homes and date from the 1960s to the 1980s. Also found are scattered portraits of Kay Sekimachi and Bob Stocksdale, as well as a photo of Miné Okubo with Roy Leeper and Cecil Thompson. Artworks are largely by Kay Sekimachi and include watercolor and pencil sketches as well as designs for fabrics and a weaving portfolio. Watercolor and pencil sketches are of Tanforan Assembly Center and date from circa 1942.

Arrangement

The collection is arranged as 11 series.

- Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1920-2003 (1.5 linear feet; Box 1-2)
- Series 2: Correspondence, 1943-2014 (7.6 linear feet; Box 2-10)
- Series 3: Writings and Notes, 1960s-2008 (0.2 linear feet; Box 10)
- Series 4: Professional Files, 1950s-2011 (1.1 linear feet; Box 10-11, 22)
- Series 5: Exhibition Files, 1951-2015 (2.9 linear feet; Box 11-14, ER01; 0.125 GB)
- Series 6: Project Files, circa 1900-2004 (0.3 linear feet; Box 14)
- Series 7: Personal Business Records, 1970s-2010 (0.7 linear feet; Box 14-15)
- Series 8: Printed Material, 1943-2011 (2.3 linear feet; Box 15-17, 22)
- Series 9: Scrapbooks, 1937-1946 (0.9 linear feet; Box 17, 21)
- Series 10: Photographic Material, circa 1950-2001 (0.9 linear feet; Box 18)
- Series 11: Artwork, 1942-circa 1970 (1.1 linear feet; Box 18-20, 22-23)

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:
- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Asian American educators
- Asian American fiber artists
- Asian American women artists
- Concentration camps -- United States
- Decorative arts
- Fiberwork -- Technique
- Japanese American art
- Japanese American artists
- Japanese American women artists
- Japanese Americans -- Evacuation and relocation, 1942-1945
- Textile crafts -- Study and teaching
- Textile design
- Women artists
- Woodwork -- Study and teaching

Types of Materials:
- Interviews
- Photographs
- Scrapbooks
- Sketches
Sound recordings
Watercolors

Names:
Anderson, Norman
Central Utah Relocation Center
Collingwood, Peter, 1922-2008
Larsen, Jack Lenor, 1927-2020
Maloof, Alfreda Ward
Maloof, Sam
Merrill, Forrest L.
Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America
Okubo, Miné, 1912-2001
Shawcroft, Barbara
Stocksdale, Bob, 1913-2003
Stocksdale, Kay Sekimachi
Stocksdale, Kay Sekimachi
Tanforan Assembly Center (San Bruno, Calif.)
Turner, Tran
Uchida, Yoshiko
War Relocation Authority

Occupations:
Fiber artists -- California
Container Listing

Series 1: Biographical Material, circa 1920-2003

1.5 Linear feet (Box 1-2)

Biographical materials relating to Bob Stocksdale include resumes and records from his eighty-fifth birthday party hosted by Forrest Merrill and from his memorial service. Records from the party include some print-outs of digital photographs, cards, invitations, printed material, and a menu.

Documentation belonging to Kay Sekimachi includes award ribbons, address notes, stationery, and resumes. Also of note are records originating from Sekimachi’s forced relocation by the War Relocation Authority which include informational broadsheets, mess hall and food rations cards, an identification card, and work assignment information.

Sekimachi’s school records include material from her early education in the California Bay Area, the Tanforan and Topaz centers, and later at the California College of Arts and Crafts. In letters written to her old classmates, Sekimachi describes the early days of her experience at Tanforan Relocation Center. Also found is a letter outlining a pact between Kay and her school friends at Topaz to meet again ten years after leaving camp in Utah. Handmade dance and party invitations comment on student and youth life at the internment camp. School projects are likely from Kay’s schooling prior to Topaz and are on subjects such as ancient history, Europe, and the coronation of King George VI. Projects consist of notebooks containing drawings, collages, and writings.

The series is arranged as 2 subseries.

- 1.1: General, 1942-2003
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1.1: General, 1942-2003

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7.6 Linear feet (Box 2-10)

Letters are from friends, professional acquaintances and fellow artists, collectors and clients, family, gallerists, and museums and institutions. The majority of the correspondence is that of Kay Sekimachi and Bob and Kay as a couple. Also found are extensive greeting and holiday cards from friends and family.

Correspondents include: Adela Akers, Norman Anderson, Peter Collingwood, Dianne Dennis, Dominic DiMare, Marion and Jorge Hildebrandt, Jack Lenor Larsen, Karl Lønning, Sam and Alfreda Maloof, Signe Mayfield, Forrest L. Merrill, Dorothy Miller, Sheila O'hara, Miné Okubo, Hal Painter, Mimi Santal, Nancy Selvin, Barbara Shawcroft, Ramona Solberg, Miguel Peck Wall, Joan Watkins, and many others.

Some letters are signed with first names only which are found at the end of the alphabetical correspondence. Researchers should note that holiday and greeting cards are minimally arranged due to many lacking dates and full names. Additional correspondence may be found in Series 4 and Series 5.

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Box 10, Folder 1  Postcards, Blank, circa 1950s-1990s
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Series 3: Writings and Notes, 1960s-2008

0.2 Linear feet (Box 10)

Scattered writings, likely by Kay Sekimachi, include hanging instructions and notes. There are transcripts of two interviews with Sekimachi, one by Suzanne Baizerman and the other is unsigned. Also found are writings about Sekimachi and Stockdale by Jack Lenor Larsen, Tran Turner, and Yoshiko Uchida, among others, and a print-out of the history section of the Topaz Internment Camp website.

Box 10, Folder 4  Hanging Instructions, circa 1970

Box 10, Folder 5  History of Topaz Internment Camp, Printout of Website, 2008

Box 10, Folder 6  Interview with Kay Sekimachi, Unsigned, circa 1970

Box 10, Folder 7  Interview with Kay Sekimachi, by Suzanne Baizerman, 2001, 2007

Box 10, Folder 8  Notes, Addresses, 1960s-1980s

Box 10  By Others

Box 10, Folder 9  on Bob Stockdale, by Yoshiko Uchida, 1969

Box 10, Folder 10  on Bob Stockdale and Kay Sekimachi, by Others, 1969-1977

Box 10, Folder 11  on Textiles, by Jack Lenor Larsen, circa 1970s

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Series 4: Professional Files, 1950s-2011

1.1 Linear feet (Box 10-11, 22)

Material concerning Bob Stocksdale's and Kay Sekimachi's activities as a wood turner and textile artist respectively are found within this series. Generally, files may include correspondence, financial documentation and agreements, proposals, and printed material and concern lectures, conferences with professional organizations, awards received, oral history interviews, and writings by others.

Also found are documents relating to the technique, process, and raw material purchase of weaving. These files include correspondence from textile companies such as Joynell and Kroll which described and provided samples and sourcing for Sekimachi. Her techniques, process, and design are found through notebooks, perhaps from a school class, giving outlines and instruction on basic weaving and examples of design.

Raw material found in this series is likely to be study samples rather than Kay's original designs which are found in Series 11.

Box 10, Folder 12 American Craft Council, 1988
Box 10, Folder 13 The Art of Basketry by Karl Lønning, 1999
Box 10, Folder 14 Article, "Weaving the Sea," American Craft Magazine, 2010
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Box 10, Folder 15 American Craft Council Gold Medal to Bob Stocksdale, 1995
Box 10, Folder 16 American Craft Council Gold Medal to Kay Sekimachi, 2002-2003
Box 10, Folder 17 Berkeley Architectural Heritage Association Home Remodel Award, 1979
Box 10, Folder 18 Fuller Craft Museum Luminaries Gala Award, 2009-2011
Box 10, Folder 19 James Renwick Alliance, Master of the Medium, 1996-2001
Box 10, Folder 20 Women's Caucus for Art, 1997
Box 10, Folder 21 Women's Caucus for Art, 1997
Box 10, Folder 22 Conference, Wood Art Collectors' Conference, 1998
Box 10, Folder 23 HALI Publications, Ltd., 2007
Box 10, Folder 24 Lecture, San Francisco Craft and Folk Art Museum, 1997-2002
Box 10, Folder 26   Oral History, Bancroft Library at the University of California, Berkeley, 1992-1998
Box 10, Folder 27   Professional Organization, Printed Material, 1950s-1990s
Box 10   Weaving
Box 10, Folder 28   Correspondence, 1962-1963
Box 10, Folder 29   Correspondence, 1962-1963
Box 10, Folder 30   Correspondence, 1962-1963
Box 10, Folder 31   Material and Equipment Orders, 1970s
Box 10, Folder 32   Material and Equipment Orders, 1970s
Box 10, Folder 33   Material and Equipment Orders, 1970s
    Oversized material housed in Box 22, F5
Box 10, Folder 34   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
Box 10, Folder 35   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
Box 10, Folder 36   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
Box 11   Weaving
Box 11, Folder 1   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
Box 11, Folder 2   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
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Box 11, Folder 4   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
Box 11, Folder 5   Techniques, Process, and Designs, 1950s-1985
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Box 11, Folder 8   Weaver Studio Design, 2007
Box 22, Folder 5  
Oversized Material and Equipment Orders, Samples from Box 10, F33, circa 1960s

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Series 5: Exhibition Files, 1951-2015

2.9 Linear feet (Box 11-14)
0.125 Gigabytes (ER01)

Exhibition files may include correspondence, letters of congratulations, proposals, printed materials, lists, writings, guest books, appraisals and loan agreements, condition reports, and photographs. Extensive material is found for three exhibitions showcasing the works of Stocksdale and Sekimachi: Marriage in Form, In the Realm of Nature, and Loom and Lathe. These exhibitions were shown at multiple locations in the 1990s and 2000s. A digital sound recording of the recollections of Emma Gunterman on Bob Stocksdale at Berkeley is included among the resources for the exhibition In the Realm of Nature. It was recorded by her son, Tom Gunterman.

Gallery files contain general correspondence and correspondence or financial records relating to multiple or unnamed exhibitions.

The series is arranged as 5 subseries. This series relies heavily on original order and folder titles. Whenever possible, the proper name of an exhibition is found in the folder title. Additional general correspondence from galleries and institutions may be found in Series 2.

- 5.1: Marriage in Form, 1992-1998
- 5.3: Loom and Lathe, 2006-2011
- 5.4: General, 1951-2014
- 5.5: Gallery and Institution Files, 1956-2013

5.1: Marriage in Form, 1992-1998

Box 11, Folder 9 Correspondence, General, 1994
Box 11, Folder 10 Correspondence, American Craft Museum Opening, 1995
Box 11, Folder 11 Correspondence, Catalog, 1993-1996
Box 11, Folder 12 Correspondence, Catalog, 1993-1996
Box 11, Folder 13 Correspondence, Catalog, 1993-1996
Box 11, Folder 14 Printed Material, Clippings, 1993-1996
Box 11, Folder 15 Printed Material, General, 1993-1996
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Box 11, Folder 17 Lists of Works of Art, 1992-1993
Box 11, Folder 18 Name Tags, circa 1998
Box 11, Folder 19 Writings and Notes, circa 1990s
Arkansas Art Center, 1994

Palo Alto Cultural Center, 1993-1994


Correspondence, General, 2009-2012

Correspondence, Ron Roszkiewicz, 2008

Correspondence, Resources, 2010

*Includes born-digital records, see ER01*

Emma Gunterman Recollections of Bob Stockdale (Undated), Digital Audio Recording, 2019

*0.125 Gigabytes (1 computer file)*

Proposal, 2011-2012

Lists of Works of Art and Collectors, 2008-2012

Notebook, 2010

Writings and Notes, 2014-2015

Appraisals, 1991-2011

5.3: *Loom and Lathe*, 2006-2011

Guest Book, 2008

Berkeley Art Center, Contracts and Checklists, 2006-2007

Berkeley Art Center, Correspondence, 2008

Berkeley Art Center, Opening, 2008

Berkeley Art Center, Condition Reports, 2007-2008

Berkeley Art Center, Lenders, 2007

Fuller Craft Museum, 2009-2011
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Box 12, Folder 16  American Craftsmen, 1957, University of Illinois, Urbana, 1957
Box 12, Folder 17  Threads of History, American Federation of the Arts, 1967
Box 12, Folder 18  Design is....., National Collection of Fine Arts, 1972
Box 12, Folder 19  Woven Structures, Camden Arts Centre (London, England), 1972
Box 12, Folder 20  Sixth International Biennial of Tapestry, Centre International de la Tapisserie Ancienne et Moderne (Lausanne, Switzerland), 1972-1974
Box 12, Folder 21  Fiberworks--The Americans and Japan, National Museum of Modern Art (Kyoto, Japan), 1976-1978
Box 12, Folder 22  The Eloquent Object, Philbrook Museum of Art, 1983-1988
Box 12, Folder 23  Japanese-American Women Artists: Fiber and Metal, Evergreen Galleries (Olympia, Washington), 1984
Box 12, Folder 25  Fiber R/Evolution, Milwaukee Art Museum, 1985
Box 12, Folder 26  Fiber Artistry, Arizona State University, 1988
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Box 12, Folder 29  
Art In Embassies, United States Department of State, 1991-1996

Box 12, Folder 30  
*Out of the Woods: Turned Wood by American Craftsmen*, Cornell Gallery (Atlanta, Georgia), 1992

Box 12, Folder 31  

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Box 12, Folder 33  
*Sam Maloof, Kay Sekimachi, and Bob Stocksdale: Perfection in Form*, Del Mano Gallery (Altadena, California), 1997

Box 12, Folder 34  
*Held and Let Go*, Olive Art Center of the California College of Arts and Crafts (Oakland, California), 1998

Box 12, Folder 35  
*Across the Grain*, Wood Turning Center, Yale University, 1999

Box 12, Folder 36  

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Box 12, Folder 39  
*Side by Side*, Contemporary Fine Art (Tokyo, Japan), circa 1990s

Box 12, Folder 40  
*Craft in America*, Touring Exhibition, 1999-2000

Box 12, Folder 41  
Splitterati-01 Ply-Split Braiding Convention (Leicester, United Kingdom), 1999-2001

Box 12, Folder 42  
*Wood Turning in North America Since 1930*, Yale University, 2000-2003

Box 12, Folder 43  
*The Woven Form: Carole Beadle & Kay Sekimachi*, Cabrillo Gallery (Aptos, California), 2000

Box 12, Folder 44  
*An Intimate Reading: The Books of Kay Sekimachi*, Craft and Folk Art Museum, 2000
Box 12, Folder 45  
*Naturally Baskets*, Cornell Gallery (Atlanta, Georgia), 2001

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*Kay Sekimachi - An Intimate Eye: Woven & Paper Objects*, Mengei International Museum (La Jolla, California), 2001

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*Baskets Now: USA*, Arkansas Art Center, 2001-2002

Box 13, Folder 4  
*7th International Shoebox Sculpture Exhibition*, University of Hawai‘i, 2002

Box 13, Folder 5  
American Craft Council Medal Awards Exhibition, 2002

Box 13, Folder 6  

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*California Contemporary Craft*, Falkirk Cultural Center (San Rafael, California), 2002

Box 13, Folder 8  
*Fantastic Fibers*, 2003, Yeiser Art Center (Paducah, Kentucky), 2003

Box 13, Folder 9  
*Revealing Influences: Conversations with Bay Area Artists*, Museum of Craft and Folk Art, 2003-2004

Box 13, Folder 10  
*Issho/Together: Japanese Art*, Meridian Gallery (San Francisco, California), 2004-2005

Box 13, Folder 11  
*California Designs, 2004*, Baulines Craft Guild (San Rafael, California), 2004-2005
Box 13, Folder 12  
*Scents of Purpose: Artists Interpret the Spice Box*, Contemporary Jewish Museum (San Francisco, California), 2005

Box 13, Folder 13  
*Basket (Re)volution*, Fuller Art Museum, 2005

Box 13, Folder 14  
Fiber Art Exhibition, Taiwan, 2005-2007

Box 13, Folder 15  
*Folk Art for the Soul*, Museum of Craft and Folk art, 2006

Box 13, Folder 16  

Box 13, Folder 17  
*Pulp Function*, Fuller Craft Museum, 2006-2009

Box 13, Folder 18  
*Timeless Vessels*, Society of Arts and Crafts (Boston, Massachusetts), 2006-2007

Box 13, Folder 19  
*Members Near & Far*, Pacific Textile Arts (Fort Bragg, California), 2007

Box 13, Folder 20  
*Saturn Returns: Back to the Future of Fiber Art*, San Jose Museum of Quilts and Textiles, 2007

Box 13, Folder 21  
*New Works/Old Story: 80 Artists at the Passover Table*, Contemporary Jewish Museum (San Francisco, California), 2008-2009

Box 13, Folder 22  

Box 13, Folder 23  
Celebrating Imogen, Cavallo Point (Sausalito, California), 2008-2010

Box 13, Folder 24  
*The House that Sam Built: Sam Maloof and Art in the Pomona Valley, 1945-1985*, The Huntington Library Art Collection and Botanical Gardens (San Marino, California), 2009-2011

Box 13, Folder 23  
*21st Annual Artistry in Wood*, Sonoma County Museum, 2009

Box 13, Folder 24  
*By Hand: The Fine Art of Craft*, Hearst Art Gallery, St. Mary's College of California, 2010

Box 13, Folder 25  
*Crafting Modernism: Mid-century American Art and Design*, Museum of Arts and Design (New York City, New York), 2010

Box 13, Folder 26  
*Sourcing the Museum*, The Textile Museum (Washington, D.C.), 2010-2011

Box 13, Folder 28  National Basketry Organization Exhibition, 2011

Box 13, Folder 29  Golden State of Craft: California 1960-1985, Craft and Folk Art Museum (Los Angeles, California), 2011


Box 13, Folder 31  Collection of Forrest Merrill, Textile Museum (Washington, D.C.), 2012

Box 13, Folder 32  Turn, Wave, Fire, and Fold: Vessels from the FLM Collection, SFO Museum (San Francisco, California), 2014

Box 13, Folder 33  General, Guest Book, 2000s

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5.5: Gallery and Institution Files, 1956-2013

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Box 13, Folder 37  Amaury St-Gilles, Contemporary Fine Arts, 1985-1996

Box 13, Folder 38  Art Works Downtown, 2005

Box 13, Folder 39  Arts Pacifica, 2004

Box 13, Folder 40  Brown/Grotta Gallery, 1992-2001

Box 13, Folder 41  Brown/Grotta Gallery, 1992-2001

Box 13, Folder 42  Cornell Gallery, 1995-1998

Box 13, Folder 43  Craft Alliance, 2005

Box 13, Folder 44  del Mano Gallery, 1996-2006

Box 13, Folder 45  Flinn Gallery, 2004
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Box 13, Folder 52  Pro-Art Gallery, 1991-1993
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Box 14, Folder 2  Shibumi Gallery, 2009-2013
Box 14, Folder 3  Snyderman Gallery, 1998-1999
Box 14, Folder 4  Studio 7 Gallery, 1998-1999
Box 14, Folder 5  The Sybans Gallery, 1996-1997
Box 14, Folder 6  Thirteen Moons Gallery, 2002-2007
Box 14, Folder 7  Thirteen Moons Gallery, 2002-2007
Box 14, Folder 8  Velvet da Vinci Gallery, 2008-2011
Box 14, Folder 9  Virginia Breier, 2004

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Series 6: Project Files, circa 1900-2004

0.3 Linear feet (Box 14)

Project files contain material concerning proposed book projects, commissions, a retrospective on the work of Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi, and a portfolio of Kay Sekimachi's work by Telos. Aside from the Telos publication, is it unclear whether the other works were published. Documents on the Sekimachi's retrospective of her husband's work includes Stocksdale family memorabilia, photographs, clippings, marriage records, and correspondence. Commission files may include thread samples, designs and sketches, a statement on work, and correspondence.

Box 14, Folder 10  Book Project, Agreement, *Bob Stocksdale: Woodturner*, 1984


Box 14, Folder 12  Commission, Display Case for Sculpture, 1976

Box 14, Folder 13  Commission, Fiber Sculpture for Bunker Hill Hotel, 1976

Box 14, Folder 14  Commission, Tapestry for Dorshkind Family, 1960

Box 14, Folder 15  Retrospective on Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi, Stocksdale Family, circa 1900-2006

Box 14, Folder 16  Retrospective on Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi, Memorabilia and Clippings, 1913-1970

Box 14, Folder 17  Retrospective on Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi, Memorabilia and Clippings, 1990s

Box 14, Folder 18  Retrospective on Bob Stocksdale by Kay Sekimachi, Memorabilia and Clippings, 2000-2003

Box 14, Folder 19  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, Agreement and Proposal, 2002

Box 14, Folder 20  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, Writings by Others, Excerpts, circa 2002-2004

Box 14, Folder 21  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, Correspondence, Invoices and Receipts, 2003-2004

Box 14, Folder 22  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, Proof with Notes, circa 2004

Box 14, Folder 23  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, on Book Signing, 2004

Box 14, Folder 24  Telos *Portfolio Collection: Kay Sekimachi*, Published Work, 2004
Series 7: Personal Business Records, 1970s-2010

0.7 Linear feet (Box 14-15)

Bob Stocksdale's sales books date from 1973 to 1978 and include the name of purchaser, destination, date and name of work (or a description) and amounts paid. Purchase records include works purchased Stocksdale and Sekimachi from Sheila O'hara. Representation agreements are with Barbara Okun and Sterling Associates. Other business records include address lists, appraisals, consignment and insurance records, and a stock certificate.

Box 14, Folder 25  
Addresses and Mailing Lists, 1970s-2000

Box 14, Folder 26  
Appraisals, 2001

Box 14, Folder 27  
Collectors, 1992

Box 14, Folder 28  
Consignment Receipts, 1978-2003

Box 14, Folder 29  
Contract, 2010

Box 14, Folder 30  
Insurance, 2003

Box 14, Folder 31  
Purchase Records, 1994-1995

Box 14, Folder 32  
Representation Agreements, 1971-1989

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Royalty Reports, 1970s

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Sales Booklet, Kay Sekimachi, 1996-2000

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Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1973

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Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1974

Box 14, Folder 37  
Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1975

Box 14, Folder 38  
Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1976

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Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1977

Box 15, Folder 2  
Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1978

Box 15, Folder 3  
Sales Book, Bob Stocksdale, 1978

Box 15, Folder 4  
Slide Digitization, 2012
8: Printed Material, 1943-2011

2.3 Linear feet (Box 15-17, 22)

Printed materials include published books on Stockdale and Sekimachi, clippings, exhibition announcements and catalogs for both artists, group shows, and friends, and magazines and periodicals. Of note is an issue entitled "This World" published by the San Francisco Chronicle in 1943 which describes life at Topaz Internment Camp and features text and illustrations by Sekimachi’s friend, Miné Okubo. Exhibition catalogs dating from the 1940s and 1950s are from the California State Fair exhibitions in which Sekimachi participated.

Box 15, Folder 6 Published Books, 2009
Box 15, Folder 7-15 Clippings, 1950s-2002
Box 15, Folder 16-24 Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1950s-2000s
Box 16, Folder 1-18 Exhibition Announcements and Catalogs, 1950s-2000s
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Oversized material housed in Box 22, F3
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Box 17, Folder 17 Sam and Alfreda Maloof Foundation, Newsletters and Bulletins, 2003-2011
Box 17, Folder 18 San Francisco Opera Programs, 1946-1947
Box 22, Folder 3 Oversized Magazine, This World from Box 17, F15, 1943
Box 22, Folder 4 Oversized Exhibition Catalog from Box 17, F12, 1950s-1960s
Series 9: Scrapbooks, 1937-1946

0.9 Linear feet (Box 17, 21)

Four scrapbooks were compiled by Kay Sekimachi and date from 1937 to 1944. Loose material was likely intended to be included in a later volume or added to the fourth scrapbook. Scrapbooks 1-3 contain printed materials such as valentines and images of food, babies and children, birds, and clothing as well as notes and sketches by Sekimachi. The fourth scrapbook dates from the end of Sekimachi's internment at Topaz and later relocation to Cincinnati, Ohio. The scrapbook includes sketches and printed material concerning local and global current events. Loose material includes employment and relocation assignments, notes, church bulletins, maps, clippings and other printed materials, and sketches.

Box 17, Folder 19  Scrapbook 1, 1937-1938
Oversized material housed in Box 21, F1

Box 17, Folder 20  Scrapbook 2, 1938 August
Oversized material housed in Box 21, F2

Box 17, Folder 21  Scrapbook 3, 1938 November
Oversized material housed in Box 21, F3

Box 17, Folder 22  Scrapbook 4, 1940s-1944
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Box 17  Loose Material

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Box 17, Folder 24  Notes, 1937-1947

Box 17, Folder 25  Church Bulletins, circa 1945

Box 17, Folder 26  Clippings, circa 1940-1946

Box 17, Folder 27  Clippings, circa 1940-1946

Box 17, Folder 28  Japanese-American Publications Integrator and Topaz Times, 1945
Publications written by Japanese Americans on internment and subsequent "resettlement program" efforts after the war.

Box 17, Folder 29  Maps, 1940s
Includes small map where Sekimachi tracked path from original home in California to Tanforan Assembly Center, Topaz Relocation Center, and Cincinnati, Ohio.

Box 17, Folder 30  Programs, Art and Music, circa 1940-1946
Box 17, Folder 31  
Sketches, Notes, 1938 November

Box 17, Folder 32  
Sketches, circa 1945

Box 17, Folder 33  
Valentines, 1937-1938

Box 21, Folder 1-4  
Oversized Scrapbooks from Box 17, F19-22, 1937-1944

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0.9 Linear feet (Box 18)

This series contains scattered portraits of Bob Stocksdale and Kay Sekimachi. Photos of others include Miné Okubo and other friends. Also found are photos and a portfolio of works of art. The bulk of this series consists of slides from various locations and homes. Titles of folders were taken from the original slide boxes.

Box 18, Folder 1  Kay Sekimachi, with her Loom and Artwork, 1974

Box 18, Folder 2  Kay Sekimachi, Teaching a Course at San Jose State University, 1975 Summer

Box 18, Folder 3  Bob Stocksdale, by Tina C. LeCoff, 2001

Box 18, Folder 4  Miné Okubo with Roy Leeper and Cecil Thompson, 1980s

Box 18, Folder 5  Others, circa 1967

Box 18, Folder 6  Album, Bob and Kay with their Art and in Process, 1993

Box 18, Folder 7  Portfolio of Works of Art, Kay Sekimachi, circa 1950

Box 18, Folder 8  Portfolio of Works of Art, Architectural Mockups, Kay Sekimachi, circa 1955

Box 18, Folder 9  Works of Art, Exhibitions by Keiko Kobayashi, 1998

Box 18, Folder 10  Works of Art, Kay Sekimachi, circa 1980s

Box 18, Folder 11  Works of Art, Bob Stocksdale, circa 1950s-1980s

Box 18, Folder 12  Miscellaneous and Unidentified, 1970s

Box 18, Folder 13-16  Negatives and Transparencies, circa 1950s-1990s

Box 18  Slides

Box 18, Folder 17  Albert's Box, Shell Desk, 1970s

Box 18, Folder 18  Arrowmont, 1987 June

Box 18, Folder 19  Arrowmont, 1987 June

Box 18, Folder 20  Bob's Birthday Party, circa 1974
Box 18, Folder 21  Canyon de Chelley, Grand Canyon, Maria Martines, Adam and Santana, 1975
Box 18, Folder 22  Carl Jennings, 1975
Box 18, Folder 23  Death Valley, 1977 January
Box 18, Folder 24  Deliberate Entanglements, 1972
Box 18, Folder 25  Edinburgh, Scotland, 1979
Box 18, Folder 26-29  England, 1980
Box 18, Folder 30-31  Hawaii, 1973-1980
Box 18, Folder 32-35  Houses, 1978-1979
Box 18, Folder 36-39  Japan, 1975-1977
Box 18, Folder 40  Los Angeles Sunset Beach, 1966
Box 18, Folder 41  Marble, Colorado, 1976
Box 18, Folder 42  Mesa Verde, 1976
Box 18, Folder 43-45  Mimi and Children, 1970-1972
Box 18, Folder 46  Miscellaneous, 1966-1983
Box 18, Folder 47  Outhouses, Hy Goldenberg, Huntington, Indiana, 1983
Box 18, Folder 48  Oxford Flour Mill, Wichita, Kansas, 1984
Box 18, Folder 49  Southampton, Gayle Wilson, Iwata/Sekimachi Show, Minkoff, Cohen Carmel, 1983
Box 18, Folder 50  Taos, Grand Canyon, UCLA, Karon Ruckers, 1972
Box 18, Folder 51  Timber Cove, Thanksgiving, Kitty Baby, 1966
Box 18, Folder 52  Tsugawa, Kushida-Glass Beach, Bodega Ranch, 1967
Box 18, Folder 53  Yosemite, Glen Ellen, 1973
Series 11: Artwork, 1942-circa 1970

1.1 Linear feet (Box 18-20, 22-23)

Artworks by Kay Sekimachi include pencil and watercolor sketches of Tanforan Assembly Center, designs for garments, fabrics, and tapestries, and a sketch of an exhibition announcement. Weaving portfolios contain finished examples of Kay's textile designs and patterns. Also found is a sketch, likely by Roy Leeper.

Box 18, Folder 55  Tanforan, Watercolor Sketches, 1942

Box 18, Folder 56  Tanforan, Watercolor Sketches, 1942
Oversized material housed in Box 22, F1

Box 18, Folder 57  Tanforan, Pencil Sketches, 1942

Box 18, Folder 58  Designs for Fabrics, circa 1950s-1970s

Box 19, Folder 1  Designs for Fabrics, circa 1950

Box 19, Folder 2  Designs for a Garment, circa 1950
Oversized material housed in OV23

Box 19, Folder 3  Designs for Hand Towels, circa 1950

Box 19, Folder 4  Designs for a Tapestry, circa 1950

Box 19, Folder 5  Designs, General, circa 1950-1960

Box 19, Folder 6  Designs, General, circa 1960

Box 19, Folder 7  Designs, General, 1960s

Box 19, Folder 8  Sketch, Exhibition Announcement, 1965

Box 19, Folder 9  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1950

Box 19, Folder 10  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1950

Box 19, Folder 11  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1950

Box 20, Folder 1  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1960

Box 20, Folder 2  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1960
Box 20, Folder 3  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1960
Box 20, Folder 4  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1960
Box 20, Folder 5  Weaving Portfolio, circa 1960
Box 20, Folder 6  Sketch, Likely by Roy Leeper, circa 1970
Oversized material housed in Box 22, F2
Box 22, Folder 1  Oversized Sketch of Tanforan from Box 18, F56, circa 1942
Box 22, Folder 2  Oversized Sketch, Likely by Roy Leeper from Box 20, F6, circa 1970
Oversize 23  Oversized Design for a Garment from Box 19, F2, circa 1950

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