PROFESSIONAL WOMEN PHOTOGRAPHERS.
Professional Women Photographers records, circa 1975-2016

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Descriptive Summary

Creator: Professional Women Photographers.
Title: Professional Women Photographers records, circa 1975-2016
Call Number: Manuscript Collection No. 1374
Extent: 8 linear feet (8 boxes), 1 oversized papers box (OP), 1 oversized bound volume (OBV), and AV Masters: .5 linear feet (1 box)
Abstract: Records of Professional Women Photographers including administrative records, binders, event and exhibit files, photographs, printed material, and scrapbooks.
Language: Materials entirely in English.

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Collection Description

Historical Note
Professional Women Photographers (PWP) is a professional organization dedicated to the
advancement of women photographers through exhibitions, networking, and workshops.
The organization was founded in New York City in 1975 following the exhibition *Breadth
of Vision: Portfolios of Women Photographers* at the Fashion Institute of Technology. The
artists who participated in the exhibit founded PWP to provide each other mutual support and
countenance for their projects. The group has published newsletters and a magazine, PWP
Times and offers a monthly lecture series. Their annual Community Outreach Program provides
photographer services free of charge to a selected non-profit organization.

Scope and Content Note
The collection consists of the records of Professional Women Photographers from circa
1975-2016 and includes administrative records, event and exhibit files, photographs, printed
material, and scrapbooks. Administrative records contain correspondence, financial records,
meeting minutes, member resumes, and other documents relating to the business of the
organization. A significant portion of correspondence in the collection was received by
PWP following a profile in *Vogue*. The letters came from women photographers across the
United States asking the organization to put them in contact with other women photographers
in their area. There are also binders of administrative records, event and exhibit files, and
printed material; these were assembled by members of PWP and some are labeled "historical
documents." Event and exhibit files primarily contain promotional material for the events,
though some also include planning documents. Photographs are mostly of events hosted or
sponsored by PWP. Printed material is comprised of promotional material for the organization
and publications including their newsletter and *PWP Times*. Scrapbooks contain historical
documents, as designated by PWP members, and publications.

Arrangement Note
Arranged by record type.
## Container List

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