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our lives

Celebrate GLBT History.

And then, make some of your own

Learn about history when you visit “Saving Our Lives”, an exhibit featuring the Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, and Transgender Studies. This internationally acclaimed collection provides a historical snapshot of the GLBT movement through over 40,000 items—books, unpublished manuscripts, personal papers, textiles, film, photographs, artifacts, and archives from individuals and organizations locally, nationally, and internationally.

Then, continue this legacy with your contribution the Tretter Time Capsule and Oral History Project at a Community Open House. The Time Capsule provides a way for you to share something of yourself and your experience as a gay, lesbian, bisexual, or transgender person or ally. The items you select to reflect your story will be sealed and preserved in the cavern of the Elmer L. Andersen Library so that historians and researchers in 2060 can learn from you.

You are history in the making!

What illustrates your GLBT experience? A ticket stub? An event program? A letter you wrote to your parents? A poem you wrote or one that moved you? Just imagine. In 50 years when the time capsule is opened, what will a future generation learn from the message you leave behind? A videographer will be on hand to record your brief message to posterity!

Bring your contribution to the Tretter Collection 10th Anniversary Open House on November 13, 2010, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Only items received during the Open House will be accepted.
No exceptions.

JOIN US

Exhibit: “Saving Our Lives”

November 1, 2011 through
January 28, 2011

11.05.10

Opening Reception:
11:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

11.13.10

Community
Open House

11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The world changes in direct proportion to the number of people willing to be honest about their lives. —Armistead Maupin

**Tretter Time Capsule & Oral History Recordings
Community Open House
November 13, 2010
11:00 - 2:00 p.m.**

Celebrating Ten Years of the Tretter Collection at the University of Minnesota

Join us for our celebration of the 10th anniversary of the arrival of the Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Studies at the University of Minnesota with two special events:

Exhibit "Saving Our Lives" Opening Reception - Friday, November 5, 2010 from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

First Fridays Special Presentation: noon to 1:00 p.m.

This exhibit, open through February 5, 2011, highlights the importance of preserving GLBT cultural heritage and the significant impact it can have on the lives of individuals and our community.

Community Open House - Saturday, November 13, 2010 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

- 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. Minnesota Philharmonic Orchestra Chamber Group
- 12:30–1:00 p.m. Program featuring Jana Shortal, KARE 11 News Reporter
- Guided tours of archival caverns available throughout Open House
- Time Capsule: bring items to place in time capsule
- Video recording station: share your brief message for posterity!

Due to space, storage, staffing, and security considerations, the following guidelines will be strictly enforced.

Guidelines:

- Your donated materials will be placed in an acid-free, letter-size file folder labeled with your name.
- A gift release form will be provided for you to complete (description of the materials, your contact information, and signature releasing the materials to the University of Minnesota Libraries). Donate only those materials in your ownership!
- Once your donated gift has been received and the release form signed, your gift cannot be retrieved or removed from the Time Capsule. No exceptions.
- **Donations will be accepted on the day of the Open House ONLY**, November 13, 2010, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Elmer L. Andersen Library (map and directions below)

The following types of materials are acceptable for the Time Capsule:

- Prose, poems, anecdotes, short fiction, letters or emails (limit 500-1000 words)
- Photographs: no larger than 8x10, limit: 1 photo
- Event buttons, pins: limit 1 item
- Event programs, promotional materials: limit 1 item
- Posters are allowed but must be folded to fit a standard size file folder: limit 1 poster

Important exclusions

- No adhesives, tape, paperclips, staples.
- No cloth or organic materials (e.g. no t-shirts)
- No books. Pamphlets or informational literature is ok but must fit in a letter-size file folder
- No artifacts bigger than a deck of playing cards

Live! At the Tretter 10th Anniversary Community Open House! **Share your story on camera!**

Bring a memory to share...stories, anecdotes, and insights are welcome! A videographer will be on hand to capture the moments you wish to preserve for the 50 years. Your 90 second (max) video message will be included in the Tretter Collection and will be posted online.

Please note: We cannot accept pre-recorded video messages.

The University of Minnesota Libraries reserves the right to refuse any materials at its discretion.

[Learn more about the Tretter Collection at z.umn.edu/tretter](http://z.umn.edu/tretter)

Questions about the Time Capsule/Video Project? Contact Linda Greve @ greve018@umn.edu or 612.625.7246

All events are free and open to the public.

Elmer L. Andersen Library, 222 21st Avenue South, Minneapolis

Directions, parking information, and exhibit hours are available at: andersen.lib.umn.edu/visitors.html

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