

**Betty Palmer Collection**  
**1979 - 2001**

**BETTY PALMER COLLECTION:**

Collection: NAB 332-335  
Size: 2.5 cubic feet  
Accession Number:  
Location: G-1

**SOURCE OF ACQUISITION:**

Donation by Betty Palmer

**RESTRICTIONS:**

None

**PROCESSOR:**

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**ORGANIZATION AND ARRANGEMENT:**

The material in this collection has been arranged into four storage boxes. The material was originally received in one large box. The material was assigned a book number based order removed from original box and has been placed in chronological order. The papers in this collection have been unfolded, whenever possible, and all metal fasteners (including spiral binding) have been removed.

**BIBLIOGRAPHICAL NOTE:**

Betty Palmer was a painter in New Mexico during the late 1970s to early 2000. She was born in 1929 and her current whereabouts are unknown. She mailed her journals to the Newcomb College Center for Research on Women Archive Collection on June 6, 2001 from Bernadillo, New Mexico.

**SCOPE AND CONTENT:**

This collection contains journals recording Betty Palmer's day to day activities from April 3, 1979 through October 12, 2000. The journals occasionally include to-do lists, book lists, painting lists, newspaper clippings, and personal correspondences. A few of the journals have notes with mailing information on the covers. The Betty Palmer collection would be of particular interest to those researching the lives of artists in the New Mexico area, particularly during the 1990s.

**Box 1 of 4**

**NAB 332**

Miscellaneous folder - miscellaneous items found in box.  
Postcard of one of Betty's paintings (unused)  
Betty Palmer address card with copy of "Iris"  
Handwritten mailing information index card (to/from)  
Handwritten letter about contents of two notebooks

## Betty Palmer Collection

### Box 1 of 4

NAB 332

- Book 1 - April 3 1979 to July 5 1979
  - Book list
- Book 2 - July 6 1979 to November 12 1979
- Book 3 - November 14 1979 to December 2 1979
  - Edited attempt at autobiography
  - Physical measurements as of November 26, 1979
- Book 17 - January 1 1991 to June 27 1991
  - Back cover contains names and phone numbers
- Book 18 - June 28 1991 to November 24 1991
  - Doodle page
  - Book list
  - August 7 entry contains sheet titled, "How do I think of myself"
  - August 7 entry contains to-do list
  - September 16 entry contains thank you card from Patty, John, and Jeffrey Bell (postmark AZ May 14 1992)
  - September 19 entry contains three sheets of white paper

### Box 2 of 4

NAB 333

- Book 19 - November 25 1991 to July 25 1992
- Book 20 - July 26 1992 to April 7 1993
  - September 11 entry contains listings of four jobs on the west coast
- Book 21 - April 8 1993 to February 26 1994
  - List of ideas for Christmas
  - May 12 entry contains letter from Bonny, Larry, and Melinda
- Book 22 - February 27 1994 to March 28 1995
  - February 20 entry is on ripped paper inserted before February 21<sup>st</sup> entry
- Book 4 - March 29 1995 to August 25 1995

### Box 3 of 4

NAB 334

- Book 5 - August 26 1995 to February 6 1996
  - October 1 entry contains a Christmas greeting letter from William Arthur Oden, Jr.
- Book 6 - February 7 1996 to July 3 1996
  - April 23 entry contains newspaper photograph by Con Keyes of an aerial view of flower fields at Carlsbad Ranch near San Diego
- Book 7 - July 4 1996 to February 7 1997
  - Book list
  - July 28 entry contains letter from Judy (postmark NM July 31 1996)
  - September 1 entry contains newspaper clipping "Prewitt artist wins three awards at fair" - Betty Palmer took blue ribbon in pastels with "Sunflower"
  - September 5 entry contains postcard from Judy (postmark MA September 23 1996)

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- Book 7 - July 4 1996 to February 7 1997  
September 22 entry contains birthday card to Betty from Ellen
- Book 8 - February 8 1997 to July 12 1997  
Book list  
February 15 entry contains card from Shelley and Roy Wilson (postmark  
PA June 6 1997)  
May 24 entry contains a thank you card from Peg  
June 19 entry contains to-do list  
Recipe for ham dish
- Book 9 - July 13 1997 to December 11 1997  
Book list
- Book 10 - December 13 1997 to May 10 1998  
Book list  
August 12 entry contains magazine clipping " 'Old Ironsides' Sets Sail for  
One hour Prowl"  
February 8 entry contains article from January 4 1998 Albuquerque

### Journal

- "Amapola Co-op Highlights Member Artists' Works" by Wesley  
Pulkka (no mention of Betty Palmer)
- March 3 entry contains article from March 1 1998 Albuquerque Journal  
"Artist Finds Divine in Ordinary, Daily Lives of Poor" by Wesley  
Pulkka (no mention of Betty Palmer)

### Box 4 of 4

NAB 335

- Book 11 - May 11 1998 to October 16 1998  
Book list
- Book 12 - October 17 1998 to March 11 1999  
Book list  
Painting list
- Book 13 - March 12 1999 to August 11 1999  
Book list
- Book 14 - August 12 1999 to December 20 1999  
Book list  
November 7 entry contains newspaper article "Riding the Range: Unlikely  
Partners are Enjoying Life's Bounty as Restaurant Owners" by  
Susan Stiger  
November 20 entry contains two letters from Roberta "Bobbi" Wilson  
(postmark OR November 23 1999)
- Book 15 - December 21 1999 to May 10 2000  
Book list
- Book 16 - May 11 2000 to October 12 2000  
Book list