

To AUSTIN HISTORY CENTER

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SBCA was chartered in 1979. In 1981, at age 65, I retired from my 42 ½-year career at a state agency and was elected Treasurer of SBCA effective 10-01-81. I served until early 2009, when Kathy Smartt became Treasurer.

Due to a 1981 vacancy in the Treasurer's job. President Phil Blackerby had also been serving as Treasurer. He turned over to me all financial records from the beginning in 1979, and I later received the earliest membership records from Peg Guarino. So these 13 file boxes contain records from 1979 to today. Our fiscal year is from October 1 through September 30 of the following year. Our mailing address has always been PO Box 5923, Austin, TX 78763 (Tarrytown Post Office) I think because David Bloch lived in West Austin.

From 10-01-81 to 10-01-93, I recorded receipts by writing in a journal the donor's name/address/telephone number plus amount of contribution, and then posted the info onto a card index file. On 10-01-93, I discontinued handwritten journals. I picked up SBCA mail at the post office, opened envelopes, and arranged the checks alphabetically. I walked next door to the Tarrytown Pharmacy, made two photocopies of the checks, and walked back to the post office. I prepared deposit slips and dropped the deposit envelope in the mail box.

Upon returning home, I used the check photocopies to complete the journal entries and post to the card file. I kept one page copy, and the second copy went to George Cofer, who sent thank-you letters and mailed any premiums due to the donors. Each year, George took my records to the accountant and CPA who prepared required annual reports.

In consideration of my file boxes someday going to the Austin History Center, I believed it might not be appropriate to place photocopies of donor checks in the center. So I segregated these boxes #11, #12, #13 containing financial folders away from the first 10 boxes which contain handwritten journals through 09-30-92. SBCA and Austin History Center should decide how to handle photocopies of checks from 10-01-93 through 09-30-08 (the last fiscal year I handled).

*THESE PHOTOCOPIES ARE IN GREEN FOLDERS
IN BOXES 11, 12, 13.*

Except for financial record folders after 09-30-92, boxes #1 through #10 contain all SBCA files. At the end of box 10 are folders containing: Officers, Board members, Honoraries; City Council memberships from 1900 through 2012; codes used to identify the source of entries to the mailing list names; copyright info from Marshall Frech.

In August 2013, I read in the new Austin Environmental Directory that SBCA "intends to preserve her treasure trove of many large file boxes at the Austin History Center." At that time I had not worked on SBCA files since 2004 and had SBCA stuff in 5 different places, including several feet of single sheet newspapers I had saved to clip and file "later". (I read too much and clipped way too much). After screening the newspapers, I recycled about 95%, saving only SBCA, Austin Energy, and a few miscellaneous subjects. In that process, I discarded many clippings about Freeport-McMoran, BCCP, endangered species, Gary Bradley, and Zilker Park, even though my original 8 boxes contain many clippings on those subjects. I did not discard any clipping mentioning SBCA. I then filed and interfiled all the new items. (8 boxes became 10). Files are in chronological sequence.

It has been an honor and a privilege to serve as Treasurer of SBCA for 27 years.

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