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**Dan Wood Collection of Amalgamated Printers Association Ephemera**  
**1980-2010, bulk 2001-2009**

**OVERVIEW OF THE COLLECTION**

Number: 023-02

Title: Dan Wood Collection of Amalgamated Printers Association Ephemera

Creator: Amalgamated Printers Association.

Dates: 1980-2010, bulk 2001-2009

Quantity: 9 boxes (3.75 linear feet)

**ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION**

Acquisition: Gift of Dan Wood, 2014 March 12.

Accruals: Accruals are expected.

Custodial history: Material was acquired from collector.

Processed by: The collection was processed in 2015 by Emma Sarconi.

Conservation: None.

Language: Materials are in English.

**RIGHTS AND ACCESS**

Access: This collection is open under the rules and regulations of the  
Providence Public Library, Special Collections department.

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**INFORMATION FOR RESEARCHERS**

Separated material: None.

Published descriptions: None.

Location of originals: Items are original printed works made by APA members.

Location of copies: Not applicable.

Publication note: Not applicable.

Subject Headings (LC): Amalgamated Printers Association

- Letterpress printing
- Printed ephemera
- Advertisements. lcgft
- Ephemera. lcgft
- Greeting cards. lcgft
- Mail art. lcgft
- Notebooks. lcgft
- Postcards. lcgft
- Posters. lcgft
- Prints. lcgft
- Recipes. lcgft

#### **SEE ALSO**

004, Updike Collection on the History of Printing  
024-02, Voyager Press Collection

#### **HISTORICAL NOTE**

The Amalgamated Printers Association (APA) was founded in 1958 by cousins Michael J. O'Connor and Roger V. Ralphe in Hastings, Minnesota. Originally founded as an organization for amateur journalists, it quickly became a membership organization for letterpress printing hobbyists, comprising both amateur and professional printers.

The APA has a limited membership of 150 members, with prospective members on a waiting list until a current member leaves the organization. At induction, the new member is given an APA member number of a departing APA member. The main activity of the organization is the exchange of print samples between the group's members. Participation in the mailing is compulsory; each member must participate at least four times a year. Every month each member sends 160 copies of a piece of work to a coordinator or "mailer," who then creates a bundle for each member that features one copy of each submission. The mailer might use the position as an opportunity to create a decorative envelope to hold the monthly bundle. The organization also sponsors printers' contests, a newsletter, and an annual meeting called "Wayzgoose."

APA Member Dan Wood, the donor this collection, is a professional printer and founder of DWRI Letterpress, a letterpress print shop in Providence, Rhode Island. He became a member of the APA in August 2001.

**SCOPE AND CONTENTS OF THE COLLECTION**

The Dan Wood Collection of Amalgamated Printers Association Ephemera includes printed works by APA members for inclusion in the monthly bundles that were collected by APA member Dan Wood. Wood collected mailed bundles from when he first became a member of the organization in August 2001 through October 2009. Not all months from each year are in the collection, and some bundles are incomplete. The collection materials include handwritten communications from APA mailers to Dan Wood, examples of the work of DWRI Letterpress, and some APA reports.

Material in the collection includes envelopes, samples of a printers' work at the time, mock-up documents, certificates, proprietor's cards, announcements of contests, publications (not related to the APA), advertisements, event announcements, type specimens, artifacts featuring printed elements (such as fans and matchbooks), posters, fliers, bookmarks, art prints, calendars, greeting cards, postcards, napkins, and notebooks.

Content varies widely, due to the hired work of the printers, but includes some political commentary and reflections on national events, poems, recipes, some handwritten notes.

**ORGANIZATION OF THE COLLECTION**

Collections are organized into two series:

Series I: Bundles of the Amalgamated Printers Association, 2001 August –2009 October

This series is arranged in chronological order by monthly bundle., and includes the envelope for the bundle if it was available;

Series II: Differentiated materials, approximately 1990 – 2010. This series is arranged by differentiated material type, and then in chronological order.

## DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE COLLECTION

Last name or title	Folders	Further information
SERIES I: APA 2001-2009		
Box 1	1: 2001 August (incomplete)	
	2: 2001 September	
	3: 2001 October	
	4: 2001 November	
	5: 2001 December	
	6: 2002 January	
	7: 2002 February	
	8: 2002 March	
	9: 2002 April	
	10: 2002 May	
Box 23:	1: 2002 June	Includes entries from the 2002 my favorite typeface competition (2002, undated) and September 11 memorials, ca. 2002.
	2: 2002 July	
	3: 2002 August	
	4: 2002 September	
	5: 2002 October	
	6: 2002 December	
	7: September 11 memorials, circa 2002.	
	8: 2002 my favorite typeface competition (2002, undated)	
	9: 2003 January	

	10: 2003 February	
Box 3	1: 2003 March	
	2: 2003 May	
	3: 2003 July	
	4: 2003 September	
	5: 2003 October	
	6: 2003 November	
	7: 2003 December	
	8: 2004 January	
Box 4	1: 2004 March	Includes October 2004 pangrams.
	2: circa April 2004	
	3: 2004 May	
	4: 2004 June	
	5: 2004 July	
	6: 2004 August	
	7: 2004 September	
	8: 2004 October	
	9: 2004 October pangrams	
	10: 2004 December	
	11: 2004 November	
	12: 2005 January	
Box 5	1: 2005 February	

	2: 2005 March	
	3: 2005 April	
	4: 2005 May	
	5: 2005 June	
	6: 2005 July	
	7: 2005 August	
	8: 2005 September	
	9: 2005 December	
	10: 2005 November	
	11: 2006 January	
	12: 2006 March	
	13: 2006 April	
Box 6	1: 2006 May	
	2: 2006 June	
	3: 2006 August	
	4: 2006 September	
	5: 2006 October	
	6: 2007 January	
	7: 2007 February	
	8: 2007 March	
	9: 2007 April	
	10: 2007 May	
	11: 2007 June	

	12: 2007 July	
Box 7	1: 2007 August	
	2: 2007 October	
	3: circa November 2007	
	4: 2007 December	
	5: 2008 January	
	6: 2008 March	
	7: 2008 April	
	8: 2008 June	
	9: 2008 July	
	10: 2008 August	
Box 8	1: 2008 September	
	2: 2008 October	
	3: 2008 December	
	4: 2009 January	
	5: 2009 February	
	6: 2009 March	
	7: 2009 April	
	8: 2009 August	
	9: 2009 September	
	10: 2009 October	

Last name or title	Folders	Further information	Dates
SERIES II			
Box 9, Folder 1	APA organization materials		2001-2010, and undated
Box 9, Folder 2	"Brodribbiana"	Ephemera referencing the work of Conant Brodribb (small press and print shop scholar)	1980-1991, 2006, and undated
Box 9, Folder 3	Calendars		circa 2002
Box 9, Folder 4	Introductory materials	Materials sent to Dan Wood upon his becoming a member of the APA	2001
Box 9, Folder 5	Miscellaneous APA ephemera not found in bundles		circa 1999-2009
Box 9, Folder 6	Prop cards		1999-2009
Box 9, Folder 7	Type examples and specimens		1999-2009, undated,