

League Archives:

April 6, 2010

Dear League Member,

In honor of our 70th anniversary, and our founders, Juanita Miller and Dorothy Vena Johnson, last year the League of Allied Arts membership voted to donate its historical records to UCLA Library. This followed a presentation by League member and Archives committee chair, Susan D. Anderson, who is the curator of Collecting Los Angeles at UCLA Library. We are proud that, through this partnership with UCLA Library, we have found a commendable way to preserve our important legacy and make it accessible to the public, scholars, students, researchers and community members in perpetuity.

UCLA Library is already the home of the personal papers of League founding member, historian and pioneering Los Angeles Public Librarian, Miriam Matthews. Miss Matthews' collection contains three boxes of materials concerning the League of Allied Arts. We believe the League historical records will be in a most fitting environment at UCLA. The UCLA Library is among the top ten academic research libraries in North America, and has significant holdings related to Los Angeles' African American history, including:

- Ralph Bunch Papers
- Miriam Matthews Papers
- Golden State Mutual Life Insurance Co. Records
- Augustus Hawkins Papers
- Mayor Tom Bradley Administrative Papers
- Los Angeles Urban League Records
- Los Angeles School Monitoring Committee Records
- Arthur Burnett Spingarn Papers
- Diahann Carroll Papers
- African American Artists of Los Angeles Oral History Project

In order to donate our records to UCLA Library, we need to get ALL materials in one location, so that UCLA Library's van service can pick them up and transport them to campus where they will be securely stored. I am proposing that you bring your boxes and files, your programs and photographs, your correspondence and ticket stubs, your flyers and posters, your meeting minutes and notes, and any related League of Allied Arts materials to my aunt's home, where we will store them in the garage for UCLA pick-up. Your materials must be in cardboard boxes with tops, **NO PLASTIC CONTAINERS, FILE CABINETS, OR GARBAGE BAGS, cardboard boxes with tops only.**

The address for dropping off materials is **3044 S. Hillcrest Blvd., Los Angeles, CA 90016 (MY Aunt's Home)**. Please contact me at **(213) 216-4477** to arrange for someone to be at the garage. Our deadline for gathering League materials to be transported to UCLA is May 8, 2010. Following that date, UCLA will schedule its pick-up.

Also, in order to commemorate this important partnership in preserving in perpetuity the legacy of the League of Allied Arts, we will be working with UCLA Library to schedule a luncheon meeting with the University Librarian to welcome the League and discuss how we might be able to further support each other as we move into the future, including how we can continue to add to and develop the archives of the League over time.

This is a wonderful opportunity to kick-off the *next* 70 years of League history, with the knowledge that the work of our founders and the women who came before us is being preserved for all time.

Feel free to contact me any time with questions.
Thank you for your continued service.

Sincerely,

Deborah Beavers-Watford
President, League of Allied Arts