



Archives Finding Aid

David Lundahl / New Light Studio Art Collection

Accession. # 2023.17

Size: 1 linear feet

Condition: Fair

Donation date: 2023

Donor: Kohler Foundation

Date Collection Committee Approved: 2023

Processing Level: Folder level

Processing following: Order of material type and date

Ownership: Beloit Historical Society

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HISTORY

"David Lundahl is a photographer / sculptor / musician who lives in southern Wisconsin. He's created an amazing body of work in the last two decades: over 115,000 self-portraits, all taken with a Polaroid SX-70 using natural light manipulated with a series of mirrors and filtered through media such as stencils, scarves, organic matter and transparencies. Though the photographs included below may suggest otherwise, no digital processes were used in the creation of these images. They have a depth that digital devices cannot replicate.

But part of the story here is New Light Studios, the dilapidated farm that Mr. Lundahl rebuilt, largely by himself...

Lundahl works in several media including welded cast iron and photography. "Everyone is creative," he says. "I love to teach people how to bring forth their own self-expression." "

From a website created for the artist : <https://newlightstudios.blogspot.com/>

"David W. Lundahl, 71, of Beloit, WI, passed away on Saturday, January 30, 2021 in his art studio.

He was born August 10, 1949 in Des Moines, IA. David received his B.A. from Beloit College. He married Sherry Blakeley on October 10, 1985 in Beloit, WI. David worked at Beloit College as a visiting instructor of sculpture. David showed his art in over 40 States and is included in the permanent collections at MOMA and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art. In 2013, he was inducted into the United Arts Alliance Hall of Fame. David also won the Leonardo DaVinci Prize for his use of light during a solar eclipse. He and co-artist Rolf Lund created a sculpture, Phoenix, that is displayed inside First Congregational Church that they sculpted out of metal retrieved from the ashes of the church fire."

From his obituary <https://www.daleymurphywisch.com/obituaries/David-Lundahl/#!/Obituary>

Scope of Collection

This collection contains a small amount of many different types of art, and

inspiration material. Includes things made by the artist like sketchbooks, photos, stickers, and photocopies of photos and postcards. Includes inspiration materials like commercial postcards, vintage photos, and an artist's book. Also includes some business material like business cards for the studio, and a newspaper about an exhibit.

Container List

2023.17				
CONTAINER	FOLDER	DATE	TITLE	SUBJECTS
Box 01	1		Postcards for Inspiration	Post Cards
Box 01	2		Stickers	
Box 01	3		Photos- Most black and white	
Box 01	4		Photos of Art/ Abstract Photos as art	
Box 01	5		Artist Book: Waves	Letterpress
Box 01	6		Business Cards/ Newspapers	Newspaper
Box 01	7		Sketchbooks	
Box 01	8		Printed Photocopies	
Box 01	9	1985, November	Slides	Slides
Box 02- Oversized	1		Black hard cover sketchbook	
Box 02- Oversized	2		Vintage photos	
Box 02- Oversized	3		Drawings and photos	