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Dorothy Schwartz papers, 1979-2014

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Maine Women Writers Collection

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Summary Information

Repository:	Maine Women Writers Collection
Creator:	Schwartz, Dorothy
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Biographical / Historical

Dorothy Schwartz was born in 1938 in a Jewish neighborhood in Brooklyn, and died in Maine in 2014. She graduated from Smith College in the late 1950's, and ten days after graduation, she married composer Elliott Schwartz. As an artist, Dorothy Schwartz maintained a fifty-year career, mainly as a printmaker known for her woodcuts. "I love the woodcut for its stark directness and power to convey rich tonal contrasts through swooping lines that emerge from wells of blackness," Schwartz wrote in an artist statement. She was a longtime member of the Portland-based Peregrine Press. Schwartz had three solo shows at the June Fitzpatrick Gallery in Portland, including "My Darwin" in 2009, as well as a retrospective at the Maine Jewish Museum in 2014. Schwartz also was the executive director of the Maine Humanities Council for 25 years. She turned a small, modestly funded non-profit into a major force that brought, as she liked to say, "the pleasure and power of ideas" to every county in Maine. Under her leadership MHC became widely recognized as one of the most innovative and energetic of the 56 councils affiliated with the National Endowment for the Humanities. Schwartz was also an accomplished lobbyist, fundraiser, consultant, and teacher who co-taught the University of Southern Maine's "Thoughtful Giving" course.

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Scope and Contents

The collection includes a variety of Schwartz's research on Darwin, from exhibition flyers to magazine articles. It includes photographs Schwartz took at Darwin's house, and various iterations of the work she created from these photos. There is a small woodcut block, as well as six of Schwartz's artist notebooks from 1979-2013, some of which contain personal journal writing.

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Arrangement

The collection is arranged in three series: I. Darwin project; II. Publicity; III. Notebooks.

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Controlled Access Headings

- Art
- Book artists
- Artists' books -- Maine
- Artists' books
- Women artists -- Maine
- Notebooks
- Exhibition catalogs
- Photographs
- Research
- Schwartz, Dorothy

Collection Inventory

Darwin project, 2004-2010, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Sandwalk & Downe House, 2004, undated	Box 1	Folder 001
Americans + Evolution/Creationism - articles, 2005-2009	Box 1	Folder 002
"An Intelligent Design" - Notes & Articles, 2006, undated	Box 1	Folder 003
Emma Darwin Recipes & Cookbook, 2007, undated	Box 1	Folder 004
Darwin poster & postcard, 2007	Box 1	Folder 005
Darwin play & garden, 2007-2008	Box 1	Folder 006
Darwin Exhibition Binder, 2009	Box 1	Folder 007
Darwin + Abolitionist + Music, 2009	Box 1	Folder 008
Darwin Fest promotional materials, 2009	Box 1	Folder 009
Darwin Exhibits 200th Anniversary, 2009	Box 1	Folder 010
Plylogenetic Tree of Life, 2009		

	Box 1	Folder 011
Darwin - Ghostbusters, 2009	Box 1	Folder 012
Exhibition appreciation notes, from Maine Humanities Council, 2009	Box 1	Folder 013
Black and white Darwin test images, 2009, undated	Box 1	Folder 014
Darwin articles general, 2009-2010	Box 1	Folder 015
"Darwin Dreams" artist book for USM course, 2010	Box 1	Folder 016
Worms: Darwin, undated	Box 1	Folder 017
Haeckel, undated	Box 1	Folder 018
Photos/prints of Darwin drawing, undated	Box 1	Folder 019
Photos of Darwin's woods walk, undated	Box 1	Folder 020
Darwin silhouettes, undated	Box 1	Folder 021
Dee dee with wine photo, undated	Box 1	Folder 022
Darwin project photos, undated	Box 1	Folder 023
Fly woodcut, undated	Box 1	Folder 024
Exhibition cards, undated	Box 1	Folder 025
Darwin finger puppet, undated	Box 1	Folder 026
Darwin silhouette in woods (poster), undated	Drawer 8	Folder 027

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Publicity, 2009-2014

Title/Description	Instances	
"My Darwin" reviews and events listings, 2009	Box 1	Folder 001
"My Darwin" postcards, 2009	Box 1	Folder 002
"Dorothy Schwartz: Evolution of a Printmaker" postcards and exhibition brochure, 2013	Box 1	Folder 003
The Dorothy Schwartz Forum: Why Darwin Matters, postcard, 2014	Box 1	Folder 004

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Notebooks, 1979-2013, undated

Title/Description	Instances	
Artist notebook, 1979-2007	Box 1	Folder 001

Artist notebook, 1980-2007	Box 1	Folder 002
Artist notebook, 2005-2009	Box 1	Folder 003
Artist notebook, 2008-2009	Box 1	Folder 004
Artist notebook, 2012-2013	Box 1	Folder 005
Artist notebook, 2013, undated	Box 1	Folder 006

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