



BHC-MSS 0190

Guide to the Judith Muniec Collection of Records of the Bridgeport  
Commission on the Arts and Bridgeport Arts Council  
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**Descriptive Summary**

**Creator:** Muniec, Judith

**Title:** Judith Muniec Collection of Records of the Bridgeport Commission on the Arts and Bridgeport Arts Council

**Dates:** 1970-1978

**Quantity:** .5 liner feet

**Abstract.** The Bridgeport Commission on the Arts and the Bridgeport Arts Council were separate but similar entities that came out of a greater investment in arts education in the 1970s. They should not be confused with the Bridgeport Cultural Arts Center, although all three were a part of the same movement. The records of Judith Muniec provide insight into the organizations during their time of operation.

**Language:** English

**Repository:** Bridgeport History Center

**Biographical History:**

Judith Muniec was born in Bridgeport and graduated from Barnard College in New York City. She worked at the *Bridgeport Post*, and would go on to become the Community Relations Director at the Bridgeport Public Library. Victor E. Muniec, who also worked at the *Bridgeport Post*, was her husband. Judith moved to Washington DC later in her career, working first at Panuzio Associates and then with Synectics for Management Decisions, Inc. In both locations she was active in the local community. She died in 2009.

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**Scope and Content note:**

The collection features correspondence, minutes, and general administrative information relating to the activities of the Bridgeport Commission on the Arts and the Bridgeport Arts Council. The material is intermixed.

**Arrangement Note:**

Collection prioritizes minutes, then other administrative material before correspondence.

**Administrative information:**

**Provenance:** Donation of 1978.85, donation of Judith A. Muniec.

**Preferred Citation:**

Judith Muniec Collection of Records of the Bridgeport Commission on the Arts and Bridgeport Arts Council (BHC-MSS 0190), Bridgeport History Center, Bridgeport Public Library.

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**Names and Subject Tracings**

*Corporate names*

Bridgeport Commission on the Arts

Bridgeport Arts Council

Bridgeport Area Chamber of Commerce

*Subject tracings*

Arts

Arts organizations

**Detailed box/folder listing**

Box 1

1. Minutes, 1972-1974
2. Steering committee, 1977-198
3. Grant applications, 1975-1876
4. Correspondence, incoming, 1972-1977
5. Correspondence, outgoing, 1970-1978