

Local History Collection
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J.A. Bauer Pottery Archive

Name: **J.A. Bauer Pottery** **MC0019**

Materials: Bound Materials, Correspondence, Newsletters, and Periodical Articles

Dates: 1916-2000

Volume: 0.18989 cubic feet (1 document box)

Donation: The Speers Family, 2022.

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Historical Note

The J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. was established by John "Andy" Bauer in Los Angeles in 1909. Bauer experienced massive success for his utilitarian-style ceramics and, by the time of his retirement in 1922, owned several properties in Pasadena, South Pasadena, and Norwalk. Shortly before Bauer's death, two-thirds of the J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. was sold to the Bernheim family of Louisville, Kentucky. Under the leadership of the Bernheim family, the business continued to flourish between the 1930s and 1940s. The J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. folded and the pottery plant was closed down in 1962 after the pottery worker's union voted to strike in October 1961.

Collection Description

This collection consists of bound materials, correspondence, newsletters, and periodical articles related to the J.A. Bauer Pottery Company.

Series and Subseries

I. Bound Materials **1 folder**

Bound materials related to the J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. Dated from 1976 to 1982.

II. Correspondence **1 folder**

Primarily correspondence related to the J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. Also contains an invitation to the 1916 South Pasadena High School Commencement. Dated from 1916 to 1996.

III. Newsletters **1 folder**

Newsletters from Bauer News and Bauer Quarterly, both publications geared toward pottery collectors. Dated from 1994 to 2000.

IV. Periodical Articles **1 folder**

Newspaper and magazine articles related to the J.A. Bauer Pottery Co. Dated from 1973 to 1992.

**Container List
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I. Bound Materials, [1976-1982]

<u>Location</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
MC0019	1941 California Pottery Catalog Reprint	1981
MC0019	Bauer: The California Pottery Rainbow	1975
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<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	1	Downey Museum of Art Exhibit Booklet	1978
01	1	Bauer Price Guide	1976
01	1	Bauer Price Guide	1982
01	1	Bauer Pottery by Jack Chipman and Judy Stangler	1982

II. Correspondence, [1916-1996]

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	2	Craft & Folk Art Museum Mailer	1996
01	2	South Pasadena High School Commencement Invitation	1916
01	2	Correspondence from The Salem Witch Antiques	1976
01	2	Correspondence from The Salem Witch Antiques	1976
01	2	Correspondence from The Salem Witch Antiques	1976
01	2	Correspondence from Mitch Tuchman	1995

III. Newsletters, [1994-2000]

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 1	1994
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 2	1994
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 3	1994
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 4	1994
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 5	1994
01	3	Bauer News, Vol. 1, Issue 6	1994
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 1, Issue 1	1996
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 1, Issue 4	1997
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 2, Issue 1	1997
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 2, Issue 2	1997
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 2, Issue 4	1998
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 2, Issue 3	1998
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 3, Issue 1	1998
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 3, Issue 2	1998
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 3, Issue 3	1999

01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 3, Issue 4	1999
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 4, Issue 1	1999
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 4, Issue 2	1999
01	4	Bauer Quarterly, Vol. 4, Issue 3	2000

IV. Periodical Articles, [1973-1992]

<u>Box</u>	<u>Folder</u>	<u>Contents</u>	<u>Dates</u>
01	5	"California Collectibles"	1992
01	5	"California Sun Settings"	1978
01	5	"Bauer Ware"	1995
01	5	"Bauer Pottery"	1996
01	5	"Bauer Pottery Wasn't Always Hard to Find"	1979
01	5	"J.A. Bauer Pottery"	1974
01	5	"He Anticipated the Trend"	1973
01	5	"Collectors' Mania: the Solid-Glaze Pottery Craze"	1988
01	5	"The Matt Carlton Years at Bauer Pottery"	1992

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