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NEWSLETTER

"Preserving and Teaching Our History"

An Interview with Doug Moore, "Mr. Pride"

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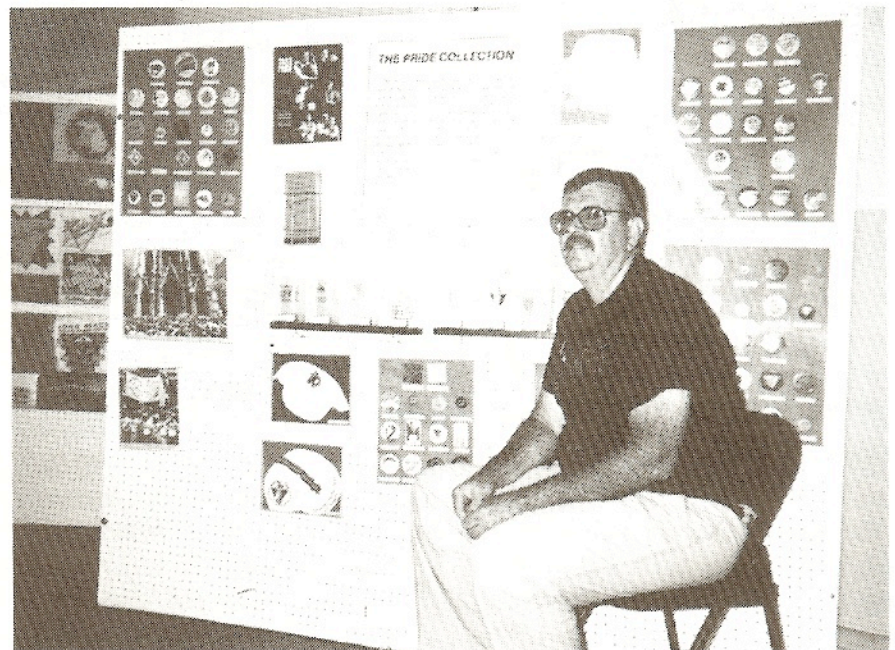
Editor's note: Doug Moore is a mainstay of San Diego Pride as well as the Lesbian and Gay Historical Society. He is a member of both Boards of Directors. He is also a noted archivist, having created the Pride Collection, an archive of Pride memorabilia that is on display at the Festival this year. With this interview, we honor Doug's commitment to Pride and to our gay and lesbian history.

LGHSSD: How long have you been in San Diego and how long have you been involved in San Diego's gay community? It seems that many people endearingly refer to you as "Mr. Pride." How would you best describe yourself?

DM: I came to San Diego on January 6, 1972. I came out in late '74 or early '75. I became involved because I saw something that needed to be done and I had the opportunity to do it. I started North County Gay Association, although I wasn't a North County resident, because there was a need. Initially it was very closeted since the members weren't very open or out, but I worked in an open environment and it was not a problem for me to lead this effort.

This is my 24th year with San

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Archivist Doug Moore is shown with just a small portion of the Pride buttons from around the world that comprise his extensive collection. Doug is this year's recipient of a Pride Lifetime Achievement Award. (Photo taken in Sacramento, 1990)

Pieces of Pride

by Frank Sabatini, Jr.

Editor's note: The following vignettes describe the beginning days of the gay movement and Pride celebrations in San Diego. Frank Sabatini, Pride Media Coordinator, wrote them to commemorate the 25th anniversary of San Diego Pride. He researched the "Pieces" largely from the early newsletters and newspapers in the LGHSSD collection. The articles were published in the Gay & Lesbian Times preceding the 1999 Pride celebration. These selections are printed with permission of the author.

The first "rally." Clad in bell-bottomed jeans, wide-lapeled polyester shirts and purple arm bands, members of several queer organizations in San Diego made their first public debut during a downtown protest against the Vietnam War

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