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HONEY & WAX BOOK COLLECTING PRIZE

Here at Honey & Wax, we take a particular interest in the evolving role of women in the rare book trade, on both the buying and selling sides. We are delighted to award the Honey & Wax Book Collecting Prize, an annual prize of \$1000 for an outstanding book collection conceived and built by a young woman.

The contest is open to women book collectors in the United States, aged 30 or younger.

The winning collection must have been started by the contestant, and all items in the collection must be owned by her. A collection may include books, manuscripts, and ephemera; it may be organized by theme, author, illustrator, printing technique, binding style, or another clearly articulated principle. Collections will not be judged on their size or their market value, but on their originality and their success in illuminating their chosen subjects. The prize rewards creativity, coherence, and bibliographic rigor.

Please submit the following by the deadline of June 1, 2019:

- Your name, date of birth, mailing address, telephone number, and email address.
- An essay of no more than 1500 words describing the purpose, history, and ultimate ambition of the collection. What inspired you to begin collecting? How has your focus developed over time? What question does your collection seek to answer?
- A bibliography of at least 20, but no more than 50, items in the collection arranged by author, date, or another principle of your choice. Each entry should include, at minimum, the author, title, place of publication, publisher, date, and a brief description.
- A wish list of the three books you would most like to add to the collection, explaining your reasoning.

Meet our past winners, and apply here:
www.honeyandwaxbooks.com/prize.php.

Many thanks to this year's prize sponsors: Biblio, The Rosenbach, and Swann Galleries. The winner of the 2019 Honey & Wax Prize will be announced in September.

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