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## The William Farley Rex Stout Collection: *Wolfe Pack* Memorabilia

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Bill and B Jo Farley are charter members of *The Wolfe Pack*. The membership materials in this set date from the inception of *the Wolfe Pack* in 1979 through 2002. By year, here's a listing of what this set includes (The Gazettes are the group's publication, a stapled booklet that began as a quarterly mailing and, recently, has become semi-annual. On their covers, they had a volume number and a number – Vol. II, #2, for instance. For most of the time, they were numbered copies of a limited print run. Occasionally, the Volume numbers make no sense. In the 90s, the mailings often had no postmark.):

### 1978

- 6 menus from the Dec. 2 Black Orchid Banquet. Two are signed by John McAleer, two are signed by other attendees and two are not signed.

### 1979

- 2 fliers with Season's Greetings from *The Wolfe Pack*
- flier, 6/1979, events report
- sheet, dated 12/1/79, about the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Wolfe Pack Assembly.
- envelope, postmarked 6/21/79, which includes letter explaining membership and two membership cards.
- 2 copies *The Gazettes*, Winter 1979 Premiere Issue. # 303 and #217 of 1000 (pg.7 relates Bill and B Jo's participation in a bit of theatre at the dinner when Bill was "poisoned" by B Jo.)
- 2 copies *The Gazette*, Spring 1979, #303 and #217 of 750, which has two items laid in – a Mar. 1980 half sheet about the annual Shad Roe dinner and a mass market cover of *And Be a Villain*.
- 1 copy *The Gazette*, Summer 1979. #217 of 750
- 1 copy *The Gazette*, Autumn 1979, Vol. I, #4. #217 of 750
- 2 copies Black Orchid Banquet menus on a deep, lush red.

### 1980

- card from Penguin, noting the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Orchid Banquet.
- card from the Black Orchid Banquet, dated Dec. 6, 1980
- notice of the 2<sup>nd</sup> NW Assembly, program, dated Dec. 6, 1980
- copy, Black Orchid Banquet menu, dated Dec. 6, 1980
- copy, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Black Orchid Banquet menu, dated Dec. 6, 1980 – Christmas Party
- flier, dated Nov. 4, 1980, Black Orchid Banquet invitation

### 1981

- envelope postmarked Nov 10, 1981. notice about 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Black Orchid Banquet.

### 1982

- envelope postmarked Nov 4, 1982, notice about Black Orchid Banquet, dated Nov 1, 1982
- flier about last two *Gazettes*.

### 1983

- envelope postmarked April 6, 1983. notice of annual Shad Roe dinner, dated Mar, 1983
- mailer postmarked April 17, 1983. notice of Spring meeting.
- 2 copies *The Gazette*, Winter 1983, Vol. II, #1, no number in number line.
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1983, Vol. II, #2, #530 of 750.
- 2 copies *The Gazette*, Summer 1983, Vol. II, #3, one copy has number line but no number, second copy is #530 of 750.
- *The Gazette*, Autumn 1983, Vol. II, #4, #530 of 750.

## **1984**

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- sheet announcing Black Orchid weekend schedule
- 2 copies yellow menu from Black Orchid Banquet, dated Dec. 1, 1984
- 2 copies of long, yellow Banquet quiz sheet, including questions about *Three Men Out* devised by the Farleys. Also includes the original notes of quiz, in Bill's hand, on the back of a magazine wrapper.
- membership card
- 2 sets *Open Book Theatre* folder – both sets include *A Family Affair* menu, *A Contata for Nero Wolfe*. One set includes Bill's name tag.
- 2 copies Dec 1, 1984 Assembly sheet, one with notes by Bill
- 2 envelopes, one marked Exhibit A, which is sealed, and one marked Exhibit B, which has been opened.
- 2 copies of letter from the Mayor of New York City, Ed Koch about Wolfe and the Pack.
- 2 copies *The Gazette*, Winter 1984, Vol. III, #1, #387 and #371 of 500.
- 3 copies *The Gazette*, Spring 1984, Vol. III, #2, #497, #371 and #389 of 500.
- 1 copy *The Gazette*, Summer 1984, Vol. III, #3, #371 of 500 with April 2, 1985 letter of Spring meeting laid in.
- 2 copies *The Gazette*, Autumn 1984, Vol. III, #4, #371 and #389 of 500, both of which have the Mayor's letter laid in.
- envelope that contains three letters: Nov. 1984 notice about the Black Orchid weekend, Nov. 1984 notice of the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of *Fer-de-Lance*, and Sept. 1984 listing of Fall events.

## **1985**

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- letter dated Jan. 5, 1985 acknowledging renewal of membership
- mailer dated Aug. 1985 about Fall meeting.
- mailer postmarked Nov 8, 1985, Black Orchid Banquet notice
- mailer postmarked April 6, 1985. Shad Roe dinner notice, dated April 2, 1985
- mailer postmarked Sept 6, 1985, Fall dinner notice, dated Sept. 1985

## **1986**

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- mailer postmarked Feb 25, 1986 of a Broadway production of *Corpse!*, dated Jan 30, 1986
- letter dated Feb 1986 that includes notice of Robert Goldsbourough's first Wolfe.
- mailer postmarked June 8, 1986, announcing Summer meeting, dated June 4, 1986.
- mailer postmarked Aug 26, 1986, announcing Fall meeting, dated August 1986
- mailer concerning membership renewal, dated August 1986
- mailer postmarked Nov 5, 1986 about Black Orchid Banquet
- letter postmarked Sept 30, 1986 with renewal acknowledgment and membership card
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1986, Vol. IV, #1, #256 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1986, Vol. IV, #2, #256 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Summer, 1986, Vol. IV, #3, #256 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Autumn, 1986, Vol. IV, #4, #256 of 350, in original envelope.

## **1987**

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- mailer postmarked Mar 20, 1987, notice of Spring event dated March 1987
- mailer postmarked July 9, 1987, Summer meeting notice
- envelope postmarked Oct 24, 1987, mailer and membership card
- mailer postmarked Sept 22, 1987, Fer-de-lance 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary memorial event.
- mailer postmarked Nov 10, 1987, Black Orchid Banquet notice
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1987, Vol.V, #1, #173 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1987, Vol. V, #2, #173 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1987, Vol. V, #3, #173 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1987, Vol. V, #4, #173 of 350.

## **1988**

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- envelope postmarked Mar 15, 1988, membership renewal notice
- envelope postmarked April 28, 1988, renewal acknowledgement with membership cards
- mailer postmarked Nov 9, 1988, Black Orchid weekend notice
- mailer postmarked Oct 19, 1988, Montenegro trip itinerary
- mailer postmarked Aug 31, 1988, October event notice, dated Aug, 1988
- mailer postmarked Mar 22, 1988, Shad Roe dinner notice
- mailer postmarked Dec 31, 1988, meeting memorandum dated Dec 28, 1988
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1988, Vol. VI, #1, #173 of 350
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1988, Vol. VI, #2, #148 pf 350, survey laid in
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1988, Vol. VI, #3, #148 of 350, survey laid in
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1988, Vol. VI, #4, #148 of 350, survey laid in

## **1989**

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- mailer postmarked July 5, 1989, "Some Barbeque Caesar" notice
- mailer postmarked Mar 24, 1989, flier dated Mar. 22, 1989
- mailer postmarked Mar 6, 1989, Montenegro trip notice, dated March 1989
- mailer postmarked Feb 22, 1989, membership renewal notice dated Feb. 1989
- mailer postmarked Nov 9, 1989, Black Orchid Banquet flier
- mailer postmarked Oct 7, 1989, Nov. event notice
- envelope postmarked Nov 16, 1989, renewal acknowledgment and membership cards
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1989, Vol VII, #1, #148 of 350, survey laid in
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1989, Vol VII, #2, #148 of 350, survey laid in
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1989, Vol VII, #3, #118 of 350.

## **1990**

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- mailer postmarked Nov 3, 1990, Black Orchid weekend notice dated Nov 1, 1990
- mailer postmarked Sept 6, 1990, renewal notice
- mailer postmarked Mar 19, 1990, Shad Roe dinner notice
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1990, Vol. VIII, #1, #118 of 350, includes partial index of past Gazettes,

Bill mentioned

on p. 11

- *The Gazette*, Spring 1990, Vol. VIII, #2, #224 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1990, Vol. VIII, #3, #221 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1990, Vol. VIII, #4, #221 of 350, renewal notice laid in

## **1991**

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- renewal notice dated Jan. 1991
- mailer postmarked Nov 6, 1991, Black Orchid weekend notice

- renewal notice dated August 1991
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1991, Vol. IX, #1, number blank is empty
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1991, Vol. IX, #2, #237 of 350
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1991, Vol. IX, #4, #237 of 350, renewal notice laid in as well as membership acknowledgment and membership card.

### **1992**

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- mailer postmarked Oct 10, 1992, renewal notice and questionnaire
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1992, Vol. X, #1, #237 of 350. Black Orchid dinner change notice laid in
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1992, Vol. X, #2, #252 of 350, renewal acknowledgment and membership laid in
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1992, Vol. X, #3, #251 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1992, Vol. X, #4, #251 of 350, collecting Rex Stout, pts. I – III by Otto Penzler.

### **1993**

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- mailer dated Feb 1993, notice of late *Gazette*
- mailer postmarked June, 12, 1993, Black Orchid weekend notice
- mailer postmarked June 14, 1993, notice of event at Stout's house
- envelope postmarked Feb 22, 1993, letter about moving the date of the Black Orchid weekend and questionnaire
- envelope postmarked Sept 16, 1993, fall event flier
- *The Gazette*, Winter 1993, Vol. XI, #1, #251 of 350, renewal notice laid in
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1993, Vol. XI, #2, #250 of 350, Gazette letter laid in

### **1994**

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- mailer postmarked June 10, 1994, request for Gazette material
- mailer postmarked Sept 13, 1994, Fall event notice
- *The Gazette*, Summer 1993 – Winter 1994, Vol. XI, #3, #205 of 350.
- *The Gazette*, Spring – Fall 1994, Vol. XI, #4, #205 of 350, renewal notice laid in

### **1995**

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- mailer postmarked Nov 6, 1995, Black Orchid dinner notice dated Oct 30, 1995
- two page letter about Black Orchid Banquet.
- mailer postmarked July 31, 1995, Spring meeting notice

### **1996**

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- mailer, membership renewal notice for 1996-7
- mailer postmarked Nov 13, 1996, Black Orchid dinner notice
- mailer postmarked Sept 19, 1996, Gazette notice – going to semi-annual – and other notes
- mailer postmarked June 5, 1996, Summer event notice dated May 29, 1996
- mailer postmarked May 17, 1996, notice of Brownstone event

### **1997**

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- mailer postmarked May 13, 1997, Gazette notice dated March, 1997
- *The Gazette*, Summer/Fall 1997, Vol. XII, #2, #142 of 400.

### **1998**

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- *The Gazette*, Spring 1998, Vol. XIII, #3, #293 of 500.
- *The Gazette*, Fall 1998, Vol. XIII #4, #76 of 500.

### **1999**

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- membership renewal acknowledgment
- *The Gazette*, Spring 1999, Vol. XIII, #1, #357 of 400, letter laid in

- *The Gazette*, Fall 1999, Vol. XIII, #2, #182 of 400.

**2000**

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- mailer postmarked Feb 4, 2000, Winter 2000 flier
- mailer, notice of Fall beer tasting event
- mailer dated Oct 26, 2000, Black Orchid Banquet notice
- *The Gazette*, Spring 2000, Vol. XVI, #1, #275 of 400. Nero Wolfe lithograph offer laid in
- *The Gazette*, Fall 2000, Vol. XVI, #2, no number

**2001**

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- mailer dated Spring 2001 concerning A&E series, and other matters.
- *The Gazette*, Spring 2001, Vol. XIV, #1, no number line, renewal notice laid in
- *The Gazette*, Fall 2001, Vol. XVI, #2, no number line.

**2002**

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- *The Gazette*, Spring 2002, Vol. XIV, #3, no number line.
- *The Gazette*, Fall 2002, Vol. XIV, #4, no number line.