

Celebrating Our 60th Year 1948 - 2008



Harry S. Truman was President

U.S. Population: 146,631,302 (current 301,139,947)

Life expectancy: 67 years (current 78 years)

Unemployment: 3.9% (current 6.5 California)

WHAT THINGS COST:

Average Annual Salary: \$3,600.00

Minimum Wage: 40¢ per hour

House: \$13,500.00

Bread: 14¢ a loaf

Milk: 86¢ a gallon

Car: \$1,550.00

Gasoline: 26¢ a gallon

Postage Stamp: 3¢

Stock Market: 177

POPULAR MUSIC:

"Twelfth Street Rag" - *Pee Wee Hunt*

"Nature Boy" - *Nat King Cole*

"Buttons & Bows" - *Dinah Shore*

"Red Roses For A Blue Lady" - *Vaughn Monroe*

"Mañana" - *Peggy Lee*

"The Woody Woodpecker Song" - *Kay Kyser*

PULITZER PRIZES

Fiction:

Tales of the South Pacific, James A. Michener

Drama:

A Streetcar Named Desire, Tennessee Williams

BOOKS PUBLISHED IN 1948

Albert Camus, *The Plague*

Truman Capote, *Other Voices, Other Rooms*

A. C. Kinsey, *Sexual Behavior in the Human Male*

Norman Mailer, *The Naked and the Dead*

MOVIES

Gentleman's Agreement (Academy Award)

The Treasure of the Sierra Madre

Key Largo

I Remember Mama

Johnny Belinda

The Snake Pit

Abbott And Costello Meet Frankenstein

TV SHOWS:

Only 35,000 sets were in use in the U.S.

Milton Berle becomes the first U. S. television star with the debut of *Texaco Star Theater*.

First network telecast of live political conventions.

Professional wrestling premieres in prime-time.

The first network nightly newscast, CBS-TV News.

Toast of the Town, with Ed Sullivan, premieres with guests Dean Martin and Jerry Lewis.

Candid Microphone, renamed *Candid Camera* debuts on ABC.

"Hopalong Cassidy" & "Kukla, Fran, and Ollie" debut.

WORLD EVENTS:

1948 Winter Olympics: The Olympics in 1940 and 1944 were cancelled because of World War II. Untouched by the war, the Swiss resort town of St. Moritz was picked to host the 1948 games.

January: Mohandas Gandhi, Indian political and spiritual leader, was assassinated.

The first tape recorder and the first Polaroid camera was sold in U.S.

May: Nation of Israel is proclaimed, declares independence from British administration .

The Hollywood Ten, called as witnesses in the House Committee's Investigation of Un-American Activities, are jailed for contempt of Congress

June: The Berlin Airlift begins.

1948 Summer Olympics: Although much of the British capital had been reduced to rubble in the blitz, the London Games went on successfully,

George A. Gamow (U.S.) puts forth the "Big Bang" theory to explain the origin of the universe.

The 33-1/3 LP ("long playing") record is introduced allowing an unprecedented 25 minutes of music per side. "*Christmas Songs By Sinatra*" was released.

ON EXHIBITION AT KATER-CRAFTS

THROUGH NOVEMBER 26, 2008



YOU CAN JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER

33 Miniature Designer Bindings

In 1994 Kater-Crafts published a miniature book, *YOU CAN JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER*, a Brief Survey of Materials, written by Bernard C. Middleton, the well known English book restorer, designer binder and bookbinding historian.

The book was designed by Ward Ritchie, printed by The Bird & Bull Press, with wood engravings by John De Pol and edited by David Pankow. The Binding and clamshell box were produced by Kater-Crafts.

In 1998 Kater-Crafts commissioned thirty-three internationally known designer binders to each bind a copy of this miniature book. The binders came from Japan, Australia, England, Germany, France, Switzerland, Czech Republic, Canada, Belgium, The Netherlands and the U.S.A.

No instructions or restrictions were given to the binders; they were free to go wherever their creative fancy took them. The result is a beautiful, diverse collection of miniature bindings. In 1998 Kater-Crafts produced a full color catalog of the collection, comprised of a photograph and a brief biography of each binder and a description and several photographs of each binding.

IF YOU HAVEN'T VISITED KATER-CRAFTS RECENTLY, THIS IS A GREAT TIME TO COME. THESE BEAUTIFUL, UNIQUE BINDINGS PRODUCED BY SOME OF THE WORLD'S GREATEST DESIGNER BOOKBINDERS HAVE NOT BEEN DISPLAYED LOCALLY FOR SEVERAL YEARS.

7:00 A.M. TO 3:30 P.M. MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY

On our web site www.katercrafts.com you will find useful information for preparing your bindery shipments: we have instructions for periodicals, books and textbooks, you can download our shipment forms, check cloth colors and get lettering instructions. We have also posted our past [Newsletters](#) in case you missed them.

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L.B.I. FALL MEETING

September 25—28, 2008

For the first time in many years, the Library Binding Institute is holding their Fall meeting and Hard Cover Binding Conference in California.

Based at the Langham Huntington Hotel in Pasadena, the speakers will include industry experts who will share their take on trends and market conditions, digital printing and book production.

Werner Rebsamen, Professor Emeritus, Rochester Institute of Technology, will speak on an *"Introduction to Binding Structures"*.

Conference attendees will be touring Kater-Crafts' Bindery and Bridge Publications, a digital book printing and binding facility, before the conference begins.

EMPLOYEE PROFILE

When we began searching for a Shipping & Receiving Supervisor, our office manager Erica suggested her high school friend Monique Romo. Monique was working at a furniture warehouse, in charge of scheduling incoming and outgoing shipping and dispatching as well as maintaining the safety, quality and performance of the employees. After interviewing a number of applicants we felt that she was just the person we were looking for. She already had the supervisory skills and just needed to learn bookbinding.

Monique began at Kater-Crafts by learning every process in the bindery, spending time in each department from Receiving and Collating through Leaf Attachment, Forwarding, Stamping and Casemaking learning what the employees do and understanding why. She used an inquisitive mind and applied her skills of observation to complete the learning process in record time. The newly educated bookbinder says, "You wouldn't imagine the hard work, and many steps involved in binding or restoring a book."

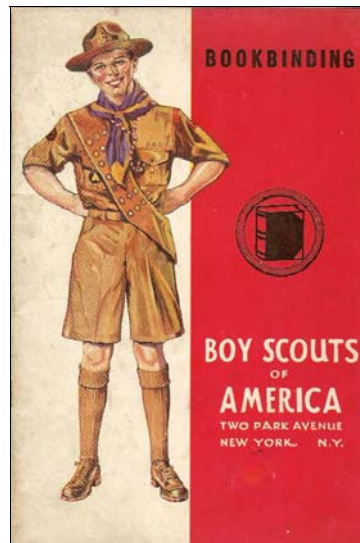
Monique grew up and graduated from high school in Whittier. She studied Court Reporting before working toward a B.A. in Business Administration from the University of Phoenix. She is the proud mother of four children, Omar, Angelina, Evelyn and Karina. Monique and her kids all enjoy being outdoors and sports, especially track and softball.



Monique loves all shades of the color green and is a big *Greenbay Packers* fan, too.



IS NOTHING SACRED?



It recently came to our attention that there has been a terrible loss to the world of Boy Scouting: **There is no longer a Bookbinding Merit Badge offered!** The retirement of the *Blacksmithing*, *Signaling* and *Wireless* Merit Badges are understandable, as well as the *Nut Culture* and *Stalking* Merit Badges (gone to Hollywood?), but Bookbinding too?

It turns out that it was actually discontinued in 1987 and was followed in 1989 by the discontinuation of the *Printing/Communication* Merit Badge. What's going on?

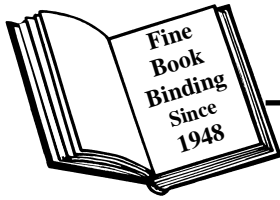


It seems that the Boy Scout Council periodically weeds out the "less pertinent" programs and adds more "up to date" subjects, like *Nuclear Science*, *Entrepreneurship* and *Composite Materials* – whatever that is. Some subjects are re-named or absorbed by other categories: *Printing/Communications* reappeared as *Graphic Arts*, but the requirements merely state that a recipient must be able to identify different types of binding.

Scouts can still earn a merit badge in Reading, but what will they read? This is the unfortunate trend in our modern society, as bookbinders and printers well know. Fortunately for us, there are still many people who prefer to turn a page than click a mouse – hopefully there always will be.

You can still earn a merit badge in *Basketry*, but if you want one, but for Bookbinding you'll have to visit eBay – and pay about \$30.00 (see above).

But be warned: it was also recently reported that many Boy Scout Badges are produced in China and have been tested (by Boy Scouts!) and shown to contain high levels of lead.



KATER-CRAFTS BOOK BINDERS

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Kater-Crafts Bookbinders is a full service bindery. We take pride in producing work of the highest quality at reasonable prices. Our binding conforms to the NISO/Library Binding Institute standards for library binding. You can read or download the 2008 updated "Guide to NISO/LBI Standard" at www.lbibinders.org. The L. B. I. Website also has a calendar of events, a useful glossary of terms and FAQs as well as links to other sites and publications of interest to libraries.



If you are interested in scheduling a tour of Kater-Crafts Bindery for you & your Library staff, please contact us to make arrangements. Monday thru Friday 7:00 a.m.—3:30 p.m. (562) 692-0665

Some book related organizations that might be of interest:

Library Binding Institute: www.lbibinders.org

American Library Association: www.ala.org

Miniature Book Society: www.mbs.org

Guild of Book Workers: www.palimpsest.stanford.edu/byorg.gbw

Hand Bookbinders of California: www.sfcg.org/html/hbc.html