Donna Mae Largo Video Collection

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Descriptive Summary

Title: Donna Mae Largo Video Collection

Dates: 1983-2000

Accession number: NA2009.024

Creator: Cheatham, Maree

Collection Size: 1.5 linear feet

Repository: Agua Caliente Cultural Museum
Palm Springs, California 92262

Abstract: A series of videos featuring Cahuilla basketmaker, basketmaking instructor, and medicinal plant expert Donna Mae Largo teaching courses in these subjects in classes and at museums. Filmed between the years 1983-2000 by Maree Cheatham.

Physical location: Stored off site. Advance notice required for access.

Languages: Languages represented in the collection: English

Access

Collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

Donation.

Biography / Administrative History

Donna Mae Largo (1935-2009), member of the Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians, was a Cahuilla basketmaker, basketmaking instructor, medicinal plant expert, and was co-founder of Nex’wetem (Southern California Indian Basket Weavers). In 1983, Maree Cheatham began filming Donna Largo in classes, in the field, and when she spoke at museums and other public venues. Videos were filmed between the years 1983-2000.

Scope and Content of Collection


Indexing Terms

The following terms have been used to index the description of this collection.

Largo, Donna Mae
Cheatham, Maree
Wellman, Dawn
McCarthy, Daniel
Sisquouc, Lori
Drake, Barbara
Dominguez, Dee
Rose, Kimberly
Sanchez, Abe
Nex’Wetem
Nexwetem
Southern California Indian Basket Weavers
Santa Rosa Band of Cahuilla Indians
Hemet
Anza
Native American
Basketry
Basket making
Cahuilla
Medicinal plants
Sumac
Juncus
Deergrass
Cottonwood
Scrub sage
Rock splitting
Acorn
Wiwish
Bird singing
Bird songs
Sumac

Donna Mae Largo Video Collection 1983-2000

Physical Description: 1.5 linear ft.

Scope and Content Note
Film footage of Cahuilla basketmaker, basketmaking instructor, medicinal plant expert, and basketmaking instructor Donna Mae Largo. Recorded between 1983-2000.

Item
NA2009.024.001

Title: Donna Largo and Dawn Wellman Discuss Local History
Scope and Content Note
Video recording featuring Donna Largo and Dawn Wellman having a conversation on local history over lunch. (September 5, 1983)

Item
NA2009.024.002

Title: Indian Day PowWow Demonstration of Cahuilla Basket-Making with Donna Largo
Scope and Content Note
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at an Indian Day PowWow demonstration of Cahuilla basket-making. (October, 1991)
| Item | NA2009.024.003 | Title: Claremont Diorama Discussion with Donna Largo  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo showing a diorama of of baskets and basketry materials in Claremont. She explains the materials sumac, juncus, and deergrass as well as basket designs. (1994) |
| Item | NA2009.024.004 | Title: Donna Largo at the Autry Museum, Part One  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at the Autry Museum demonstrating basket-making. (April, 1997) |
| Item | NA2009.024.005 | Title: Donna Largo at the Autry Museum, Part Two  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at the Autry Museum demonstrating basket-making. (April, 1997) |
| Item | NA2009.024.006 | Title: Donna Largo at the Autry Museum, Part One  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at the Autry Museum demonstrating basket-making. (May 18, 1997) |
| Item | NA2009.024.008 | Title: Donna Largo at the Autry Museum, Part Two  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at the Autry Museum demonstrating basket-making. (May 18, 1997) |
| Item | NA2009.024.009 | Title: Donna Largo Gathering Juncus  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo gathering juncus by the side the road at the Cahuilla Indian Reservation. (July, 1997) |
| Item | NA2009.024.010 | Title: Donna Largo at Idyllwild Cultural Center  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at the Idyllwild Cultural Center gathering basketry materials, splitting reeds, and discussing materials. (1998) |
| Item | NA2009.024.011 | Title: Marquis Gathering and Talk  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo and Hamilton at a Marquis gathering and talk. Donna discusses a canyon and cottonwood trees, points out caves and meadows, and demonstratives scrub sage and its use. (1998) |
| Item | NA2009.024.012 | Title: Donna Largo at the Marquis Hotel  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo and Hamilton at the Marquis Hotel giving a lecture on various plants and their healing properties. (September, 2000) |
| Item | NA2009.024.013 | Title: Nex’wetem Anza Plant Gathering, Part One  
Scope and Content Note  
Video recording featuring Donna Largo at plant gathering in Anza. Also appearing are Daniel McCarthy and Lori Sisquouc. Barbara Drake introduces herbal and basket materials. (September, 2000) |
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