Descriptive Summary

Title: Nomenus Radical Faerie Archives


Collection Number: GLC 143

Creator/Collector: Radical Faeries (New Age Movement)

Extent: 16 cartons (16 cubic feet)

Repository: San Francisco Public Library. James C. Hormel LGBTQIA Center
San Francisco, California 94102

Abstract: The archives contain the correspondence, minutes, agendas, organizational records, membership directories, and publications of the Radical Faeries, a queer social organization with a focus on spirituality. A large portion of the collection concerns the acquisition and maintenance of the Wolf Creek Radical Faerie Sanctuary in Oregon. Nomenus has held the Wolf Creek site since the mid-1980s. It is a sacred space for radical queer consciousness. The collection also includes some early LGBTQIA publications such as "Fag Rag" and "Gay Sunshine."

Language of Material: English

Access

The collection is open for research.

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Acquisition Information

The bulk of the collection was donated by Joseph Cain, January 26, 2003. An additional 2 cartons of LGBTQIA publications and ephemera were donated by Jerry Berbiar, August 2006.

Biography/Administrative History

The Radical Faerie movement was founded in California in 1979 by gay activists Harry Hay and Don Kilhefner. They wanted to explore consciousness and create an alternative to what they saw as the assimilationist attitude of the mainstream U.S. gay community. They held the first Spiritual Conference for Radical Fairies in Arizona in September 1979. In the early 1980s, a group of Radical Faeries on the West Coast sought a location to hold gatherings, etc. Nomenus was formed in the mid-1980s as a non-profit religious organization, and acquired the Wolf Creek property in southern Oregon.

Scope and Content of Collection

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Indexing Terms

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Gay community.
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Collection inventory