



## **Nevada Arts Council: Save Outdoor Sculpture!**

### **Collection CAE1206**

#### **Introduction / Abstract**

This archive contains photographs and condition reports of sculpture in Nevada from Nevada Arts Council's involvement with *Save Outdoor Sculpture!*, a national survey of the outdoor sculpture sponsored by Heritage Preservation (The National Institute for Conservation) and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

#### **Nevada Arts Council**

The Nevada Arts Council (NAC) is the Nevada State agency charged with ensuring that state and national funds support cultural activity and encourage participation in the arts throughout Nevada. Their vision is: A Nevada in which the arts enrich the lives of all residents, enhances the livability of communities, and contributes to the state's economic revitalization.

#### **Scope and Content**

Save Outdoor Sculpture! is a national survey of the outdoor sculpture sponsored by Heritage Preservation (The National Institute for Conservation) and the Smithsonian American Art Museum. In each state there was a local partner, in Nevada that being the state arts agency, the Nevada Arts Council. Save Outdoor Sculpture! (SOS!) helps communities across the United States preserve and promote their sculpture. SOS! began in 1989 by involving 7,000 volunteers and state and local organizations to catalog and assess 30,000 publicly accessible outdoor sculptures. Of that total, 54 percent were determined to be in critical or urgent need of conservation to survive. The data is accessible via the Inventory of American Sculpture database at the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

The Nevada Arts Council staff and contractors documented 197 outdoor sculptures, including 59 in Las Vegas. The Nevada survey discovered that more than half of the state's outdoor sculpture had been created from the 1980s onwards. Works documented during the project ranged from the Civil War monument titled *Nevada's Tribute to Union Soldiers and Sailors* made in 1891 to Luis Jimenez's *Vaquero* at McCarran International Airport in Las Vegas and Michael Heizer's *Double Negative*, and more vernacular works such as Rod McCormick's *Coffee Can Chicken* in Fallon, *Thunder Mountain* in Imlay, and *Guru Road* north of Gerlach.

#### **Dates**

1992 – 2000

#### **Quantity / Extent**

1 cubic foot

#### **Language**

English

## Arrangement

The Nevada Arts Council: *Save Outdoor Sculpture!* archive is organized into 48 folders beginning with program ephemera, information, correspondence and reports, and followed by individual sculpture assessments organized alphabetically by city name.

## Related Publications

Heritage Preservation, *A Public Trust at Risk: The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America's Collections* (Washington D.C., December 2005.)

## Container Listing by Folder:

### CAE1206: Folders 1-48, 1993 – 2000

#### CAE Box 24

- 1 SOS! Program Ephemera, 1993 - 1999
- 2 SOS! Program Correspondence and Information (1 of 2), 1993 - 1994
- 3 SOS! Program Correspondence and Information (2 of 2), 1994 - 2000
- 4 SOS! Conservation Information, 1993
- 5 Project Notes, 1994 – 1999
- 6 Mid-Project Report, 1994 – 1995
- 7 Final Report, 1995
- 8 Smithsonian Institution, Nevada Inventory, Not Dated
- 9 Assessments, Baker, Not Dated
- 10 Assessments, Beatty, 1994
- 11 Assessments, Blue Diamond, 1994
- 12 Assessments, Boulder City, 1994 – 1995
- 13 Assessments, Cactus Springs, 1995
- 14 Assessments, Carson City, Not Dated
- 15 Assessments, Carrant, Not Dated
- 16 Assessments, Elko, Not Dated
- 17 Assessments, Fallon, Not Dated
- 18 Assessments, Gabbs, Not Dated
- 19 Assessments, Gerlach, Not Dated
- 20 Assessments, Hawthorne, Not Dated
- 21 Assessments, Henderson (1 of 2), 1994
- 22 Assessments, Henderson (2 of 2), 1994 – 1995
- 23 Assessments, Hoover Dam, 1994
- 24 Assessments, Imlay, 1983 – 1994
- 25 Assessments, Lone, Not Dated
- 26 Assessments, Las Vegas (1 of 5), 1994
- 27 Assessments, Las Vegas (2 of 5), 1994 – 1995
- 28 Assessments, Las Vegas (3 of 5), 1994
- 29 Assessments, Las Vegas (4 of 5), 1994 – 1995
- 30 Assessments, Las Vegas (5 of 5), 1994 – 1995
- 31 Assessments, Logandale, 1995
- 32 Assessments, McGill, Not Dated
- 33 Assessments, Mercury, 1995
- 34 Assessments, Mountain City, Not Dated

- 35 Assessments, Overton, 1994
- 36 Assessments, Pahrump, 1994
- 37 Assessments, Reno (1 of 2), Not Dated
- 38 Assessments, Reno (2 of 2) Not Dated
- 39 Assessments, Rhyolite, 1994
- 40 Assessments, Sparks, Not Dated
- 41 Assessments, Stateline, Not Dated
- 42 Assessments, Tonopah, Not Dated
- 43 Assessments, Tuscarora, Not Dated
- 44 Assessments, Virginia City, Not Dated
- 45 Assessments, Wendover, Not Dated
- 46 Assessments, Yerington, Not Dated
- 47 Slides, 1994
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