

Deon Reynolds: Harnessing the Wind
Collection CAE1604

Introduction/Abstract

Deon Reynolds was hired to document the installation of three wind turbine facilities located in Nevada, California, and Texas. Materials include two photographic portfolios, artist information, maps, schedules, promotional materials, grand opening ephemera, and press materials.

Biographical Note: Deon Reynolds

Deon Reynolds is a commercial and fine art photographer based in the remote community of Eureka, Nevada, where he moved in 2005. He was educated in Portland, Oregon at the Museum Art School, now the Pacific Northwest College of Art, where his father Robert Reynolds was a teacher. He apprenticed with several renowned artists and photographers and was a studio assistant and photographer, shooting catalogs and advertisements for prominent companies.

Recognized by the Annenberg Space for Photography, International Photography Awards, Blur Magazine and Lenscratch, Reynolds is also a B&W Spider Awards Fellow. His work is included in the archive collection of the Center for Art + Environment within the Nevada Museum of Art. He is also a board member of the Nevada Arts Council. His involvement with NAC began a few years before moving to Eureka as an Artist in Residence teaching photography across the state. He and his wife Trish were the first Artists in Residence at Great Basin National Park in 2007. He has had exhibitions at the Nevada State Museum Las Vegas, Sierra Arts Foundation, Churchill Arts in Fallon, the Western Folklife Center, and the Northeastern Nevada Museum in Elko, among many other locations. Reynolds was named an international Spider Fellow Nominee for the 7th Annual Black and White Spider Awards in 2012, and has been awarded two Honorable Mentions by The International Photography Awards in 2012. His books, "Nevada" and "Las Vegas: Portrait of a City" were published in 2001 and 2006 respectively.

Scope and Content

Reynolds was hired to document the construction of Pattern Energy's Spring Valley Wind, which is situated on 7,680 acres of BLM administered land, thirty miles east of Ely, Nevada in White Pine County near US-50. Spring Valley Wind consists of 66 2.3 megawatt Siemens wind turbine generators. The 152 megawatt facility started selling electricity in August of 2012. Following the success of that project, he was invited to photograph the operation of Pattern Energy's Ocotillo Wind facility located on 12,500 acres of BLM land, northwest of Ocotillo, California in Imperial County. This site consists of 112 - 2.3 megawatt Siemens turbines. The 265 megawatt facility, began selling electricity in July of 2013. The third site Reynolds photographed, Panhandle Wind, is divided into two separate facilities: Panhandle 1 and Panhandle 2. This site had its grand opening on November 14th, 2014. The final portfolios consist of one portfolio of construction images, and a second portfolio of final images, each consisting of a selection of images from the three sites.

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Inclusive Dates

2012 - 2016

Bulk Dates

2012 – 2016

Quantity / Extent

1 cubic foot

Language

English

Arrangement

Deon Reynolds: Harnessing the Wind is organized into six folders. The first folder contains artist information. Folders 2-4 contain the information and ephemera regarding the three wind facility sites. Folders 5-6 contain the construction images portfolio, and the portfolio titled *Harnessing the Wind*.

Related Archive Collections

CAE1502: *Jamey Stillings: Infrastructure and Landscape*

Related Publications

Epstein, Mitch. *American Power*. Göttingen, Germany: Steidl, 2009.

J. Baldwin and Stewart Brand. *Soft-Tech*. Harmondsworth, Eng.: New York: Penguin Books, 1978.

Mortenson Construction. *Catch the Wind*. Edina MN: Beaver's Pond Press, 2012.

Container Listing:**CAE1604: Folders 1-6, 2012 – 2016****CAE Box 101**

- 1 Artist and General Project Information, 2012 – 2015
- 2 Spring Valley, Nevada, 2012
- 3 Ocotillo Wind, California, 2013 – 2016
- 4 Panhandle Wind, Texas, 2014
- 5 Construction Portfolio, 2015
- 6 Harnessing the Wind Portfolio, 2015

CAE1604: Additional Materials**CAE Box 66: Objects**

- 2#7 Spring Valley Battery-Powered Handheld Fan, 2012
- 3#6 Ocotillo Wind Mug, 2013
- 4#8 Pattern Promotional Blanket, 2014
- 4#9 Pattern Name Tag for Deon Reynolds, 2014

CAE Box 63: Large Objects

- 2#8 Spring Valley Plastic Bag with Logo, 2012
4#10 Panhandle Wind Bag, 2014

CAE S-Box 12

- 5#1 Construction Portfolio, 2016

CAE Flat File F2

- 4#1 Official Travel Map, Texas, 2014

CAE Tube Rack 11

- 6#1-#21 Harnessing the Wind Portfolio, 2016