

Connie Cahllil: Burning Man Ephemera
Collection CAE1415

Introduction/Abstract

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Biographical Note: Connie Cahllil

Connie K. Cahllil is a Bay Area CPA and financial advisor who was instrumental in helping Burning Man survive severe financial stress during the 2000s, and to make its transition into non-profit status. She served as Chief Financial Officer of Catch.com, Inc. and as a Partner of Tatum CFO Partners, LLP in Northern California. She is a Co-Founder and Principal of FLG Partners, LLC (formerly Financial Leadership Group, LLC). She has over twenty-five years of finance and business experience, including serving as Chief Financial Officer, Vice President of Finance, and Treasurer for a variety of organizations during her career. Prior to joining Tatum, Ms. Cahllil assisted various companies by providing Chief Financial Officer financial expertise in diverse situations. Ms. Cahllil served as Chief Financial Officer of San Jose Medical Management (SJMM). Prior to SJMM, she served as Treasurer/Chief Financial Officer of System Industries Inc. Prior to that, she served as Assistant Treasurer of Seagate Technology, where she participated in negotiating Seagate's purchase of Imprimis. Prior to Seagate Technology, Ms. Cahllil consulted to real estate investment firms, and prior to that she held various accounting and audit positions in manufacturing companies. She began her career in the San Jose office of Arthur Andersen LLP. She became a Certified Public Accountant early in her career, and has also held licenses with the California Board of Real Estate and the NASD. Ms. Cahllil holds an MBA from Harvard University, and graduated from California State University, Chico with a Bachelor of Science degree in Business (Accounting).

Scope and Content

Connie Cahllil was a participant in the annual Burning Man festival from 2004 through 2014, as well as one of the organization's critical financial advisors. This archive consists of personal memorabilia from her times on the playa.

Burning Man is "an annual art event and temporary community based on radical self-expression and self-reliance." The festival is held annually during the last week of August on the Black Rock Desert playa one hundred miles north of Reno. Attendance has grown from the low hundreds in the early 1990s to more than 75,000 in 2015. The roots of the event began with the burning of figures on the summer solstice by sculptor Mary Grauberger, a friend of Larry Harvey's girlfriend, on San Francisco's Baker Beach in the early 1980s. In 1986, Harvey erected a 9-foot tall wooden figure. In 1990 the then 40-foot figure was drawing so many attendees for the burning of "The Man" that police outlawed the event. A separate event had been planned by members of the Cacophony Society on the Black Rock Desert for that year, "Zone Trip #4, A Bad Day at Black Rock," which was billed as a Dadaist and Situationist performance happening. Harvey joined forces with the Cacophony Society and the first burn of the Man was held on the playa in 1990.

Burning Man began to acquire legal BLM permits in 1991, and in 1996 created a formal partnership to own the name. The event now has a standing Public Works Department which creates a semi-circular street grid to facilitate traffic of emergency vehicles, and which operates sanitation for the event. A seven-mile-long trash fence surrounds the event, and participants clean the playa after the event in order to meet stringent BLM

permitting requirements. In 2011 Burning Man began its transition into a non-profit organization known as the Burning Man Project. Cahill was instrumental in keeping the organization fiscally viable during the transition. Materials include Black Rock City maps, *What When Where* Guides, Survival Guides, BRC Tip Sheets, stickers, decals and other Burning Man ephemera.

Dates

2001 – 2014

Quantity / Extent

.5 cubic feet

Language

English

Arrangement

The *Connie Cahill: Burning Man Ephemera* archive is organized into 12 folders by year.

- Folder 1: Undated Materials
- Folder 2: 2001
- Folder 3: 2004
- Folder 4: 2005
- Folder 5: 2007
- Folder 6: 2008
- Folder 7: 2009
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Related Archive Collections

- CAE1305: *Michael Mikel: Burning Man*
- CAE1313: *Dusty Mikel: Burning Man*
- CAE1408: *Michael Light: 100 Suns at Burning Man*
- CAE1503: *William Binzen: Desert Siteworks*
- CAE1607: *Will Roger Peterson: Burning Man*
- CAE1701: *Burning Man Contributors*
- CAE1702: *Black Rock Solar*

CAE1704: Gregg Schlanger: *Waterway for the Black Rock*

CAE1706: *Crimson Rose: Burning Man*

Related Publications

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Container Listing:

CAE1415: Folders 1-12, 2001 – 2014

CAE Box 82

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| 1 | Undated Materials |
| 2 | 2001 |
| 3 | 2004 |
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CAE1415: Additional Materials

CAE Box 77: Small Objects

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| 1-#12 | Heart Burning Man, Necklace, undated |
| 1-#13 | Logo, Wood Pendant, undated |
| 1-#14 | This is my burn!, Button, undated |
| 1-#15 | Burning Man, Earrings Set, undated |
| 1-#16 | Ambient Drummers, Necklace, undated |

- 1-#17 Burning Man metal, Necklace, undated
- 1-#18 BRC Emergency Services Create Venerate Hydrate, Snap Bracelet, undated
- 1-#19 BRC Dept of Emergency Services, Bracelet, undated
- 1-#20 Cultural Collaborator, Bracelet, undated
- 1-#21 *Flaming Lotus Girls*, Metal Necklace, undated
- 1-#22 *Flaming Lotus Girls*, Button, undated
- 1-#23 Rainbow Heart with Logo, Plastic Necklace, undated
- 3-#4 *Burning Man Vault of Heaven*, Matchbook, 2004
- 4-#2 *Psyche 2005* Square Burner, Wood Necklace, 2005
- 5-#8 *Green People*, Matchbook, 2007
- 7-#8 Yellow Logo 2009, Plastic Pendant, 2009
- 7-#9 Missing Link, Button, 2009
- 8-#9 Kidsville, Medallion, 2010
- 9-#2 Burning Man 2011, Earring (missing one), 2011
- 11-#17 Burning Man 2013, Pin, 2013
- 11-#18 Burning Man and Woman 2013, Clay Pendant Set, 2013
- 11-#19 Flaming Lotus Girls Xylophage, Pink Metal Necklace, 2013
- 11-#20 A Fan of Burning Man, Button, 2013
- 11-#21 Burning Man 2013, Earrings Set, 2013
- 11-#22 Burning Man, Necklace, 2013
- 11-#23 Burning Woman, Pin, 2013

CAE Box 79: Objects

- 1-#24 Leather Logo, Key ring, undated
- 1-#25 United Porta Potty, Toy, undated
- 2-#1 *Kidsville* ID Band, Bracelet, 2001
- 2-#2 *Kidsville* ID Band, Bracelet, 2001
- 7-#10 Evolve '09, Playa Pendant, 2009
- 8-#10 Early Arrival Entry Band, Bracelet, 2010

CAE Box 103: Objects

- 7-#11 *Evolution* 2009, Drink Koozie, 2009

CAE Flat File F15: Oversized Items

- 3-#5 *Vault of Heaven*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2004
- 5-#3 *The Green Man*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2007
- 6-#4 *American Dream*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2008
- 7-#6 *Evolution*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2009
- 8-#6 *Metro*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2010
- 10-#3 *Fertility 2.0*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2012
- 11-#4 *Cargo Cult*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2013
- 12-#3c *Caravansary*, Foldout City Guide and Map, 2014