



University of Tennessee Special Collections

Processing Plan for [[The Radical Fairy Digest]

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Date: Insert Today's Date Here

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Priority level: 4

Acquisition Information: Donated in 2020.

Brief Historical Overview of Collection:

The longest-running reader-written gay quarterly around since 1974 and the de facto journal of record of the radical faerie movement since 1979. RFD is a reader-written journal for gay people which focuses on country living, encourages alternative lifestyles, and fosters community building and networking, exploring diverse expressions of sexuality, care for the environment radical faerie consciousness, nature-centered spirituality, as well as life experiences. Entirely volunteer produced. From <https://www.rfdmag.org/>.

A country journal for gay men everywhere. Popular recurring sections are: Letters to the RDF, Brothers Behind Bars, Country Kitchen, Gatherings, Faerie Contacts, as well as discussing current events in news and politics, as well as health and covering the AIDS epidemic of the 80s and 90s, in addition to the arts, gender identity and expression, sexuality, and spirituality. Contains: poetry, short stories, articles, illustrations, photographs, recipes, book reviews, and lunar calendars, as well as advertisements.

Present Arrangement of Records:

Currently divided between in two records boxes, but then combined to one records box to keep materials upright (kept in the original order) and loosely arranged in a chronological order border lining on random. No items have been removed but in the future, four issues printed as in the newspaper format may benefit to being moved into folio storage, while three issues may need to be photocopied due to the original being printed on poor quality newsprint paper. No items will need to be weeded out from the collection, and no duplicates noticed when going through the collection.

Description and Condition of Records:

77 total issues with a total of 73 Magazines & 4 Newspapers, which are in fairly good condition with the exception of a few outliers (counted three total torn pages out of all of the magazine, four newspapers, and three issues with poor paper quality). Quite a few copies have rusting staples, folded newspapers have some tough creases formed that could result in tears, and three issues are printed on a much more fragile type of older magazine paper.

Issues with Preservation Concerns:

RDF #12(?) 1977 Summer—top portion of cover has been cut out, the bottom portion of page 12, alongside a corner of page 31, a square from page 51.

RDF #13, 1977 Fall—poor paper quality

RDF #14, 1977 Winter—poor paper quality

RDF #17, 1978 Fall—Newspaper format, tear in first page of the newspaper at the top and center of the center crease.

RDF #18, 1978 Winter—Newspaper format

RDF #19, 1979 Spring—Newspaper format, tear in the first two pages of the newspaper down the center crease

RDF #20, 1979 Summer—Newspaper format, tear in the first page of the newspaper on the center crease

RDF #21, 1979 Fall—poor quality paper

RDF #22, 1979 Winter Solstice—poor quality paper

RDF #23, 1980 Spring—coffee stains on the bottom

Radical Fairy Digest #47, Vol. XII no. 4, 1986 Summer—Cover and front page covered in a sort of brown spill/dirt.

Radical Fairy Digest #56, Vol. XV no. 2, 1988/89 Winter—Page 1 has a large square cut out of the second.

Proposed Level of Arrangement:

All items will be chronologically organized at the item level description. In the future issues, as identified above, may need oversize/folio storage at a later date. Each issue will be identified by its given identification number (as identified on the cover), followed by the volume and issue number if included, and then the issues year and season of publication. This chronological arrangement is the most logical, easy and efficient way to identify each issue of the Radical Fairy Digest.

- I. Radical Fairy Digest
 - a. RFD #_, Vol. # Issue #*, Year Date Season

*if present on the issue

Four issues to a folder, with the folder title being "RFD #_#_, Date Range"

Special Considerations:

Has the donor mentioned something of historical importance that should be found within the material?

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A mention of explicit nudity will be made in the scope notes for researchers who are seeking to avoid explicit images, illustrations, and text.

Estimated Processing Time:

Physical Arrangement: 1-2 hours
Creation of a Finding Aid: 1-2 hours
EAD/AT: 30 minutes to 1 hour

Estimated Supplies Needed:

Type and Number of Boxes: 1 record box and 1 half sized records box.
Type and Number of Folders: 22 folders
Labels: 2 labels for the front of the two boxes
Other Containers/Enclosures Needed: n/a
Type and Number of Photo Sleeves: n/a
Type and Number of Audio/Visual Containers: n/a

Approved: _____ **Date:** _____