



Flow Fund Circle records

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Summary Information

Repository:	Rockefeller Archive Center
Creator:	Flow Fund Circle
Title:	Flow Fund Circle records
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Date [inclusive]:	1991-2010
Physical Description:	4 Cubic Feet 6 document boxes, 12 DVD/CD and 14 VHS.
Language of the Material:	English

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Biographical / Historical

The Flow Fund Circle was founded in May 1991 by Marion Rockefeller Weber, daughter of Laurance S. Rockefeller and granddaughter of John D. Rockefeller Jr., as a non-traditional innovative approach to empower all people to become philanthropists and democratize the practice of philanthropy.

The FFC uses visionary creative thinking to identify and distribute funding to those in need through grassroots organic interactions with no overhead and minimal bureaucracy. The Flow Fund Circle began with five members and has expanded to more than 50.

Each Flow Fund Circle is seeded by a Donor, sometimes referred to as a Flow Fund Initiator. For example the Initiator may provide \$20,000 per year for three years to a small group of individual Flow Funders. Each Flow Funder in turn can then donate their allotment to charities or organizations, in areas they identify, as they see fit. Flow Funders are advised not to donate all their resources to one project or one organization, and in turn cannot use the funding to finance their own projects. The average gift generally ranges from \$250 to \$2,500.

In some cases, the Donor or Initiator may seed their funds to a small group of Flow Fund Holders or Participants, and then the Holders serve to identify Flow Funders who then individually distribute the funds to charities. Flow Fund Holders or Participants are often former Flow Funders.

With Flow Funding grantees are awarded pure donations, with no prior project proposal or application process. Each year, Flow Funders submit reports documenting their giving, and meet to discuss their projects and experiences. The format and content of these reports is often as varied as the selection choices made. And the discussions and experiences help to shape the process itself as an ever evolving

organism. Well over 500 grants have been made by members of the Flow Fund Circle to recipients in 45 countries, including 41 underdeveloped countries, since its inception in 1991 through the period covered by the collection.

The expansive and diverse areas of support include, but are not limited to: Advocacy, the Aged, Agriculture, Arts, Biodiversity, Children and Teens, Cultural Preservation, Disability, Disaster Relief, Ecology and Sustainability, Economic Development, Education, Health, Job Training, Media, Micro-Enterprise, Nuclear Power, Peace, Poverty, Refugees, Rehabilitation, Spirituality, Sport, Water and Women's issues.

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Scope and Contents

The collection includes Flow Fund reports, financial reports, correspondence, testimonials, and a variety of associated audio-visual and digital media. Still images documenting the experience are often an integral part of the Flow Fund reports.

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Arrangement

Arranged as received.

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Immediate Source of Acquisition

The Flow Fund Circle records were donated to the RAC by Marion Rockefeller Weber in 2010. All records were transferred as Accession 2010:039.

Conditions Governing Use

RAC has legal title, copyright and literary rights to the records in so far as it holds them, and may grant permission to publish.

Conditions Governing Access

The collection is open for research with select materials restricted as noted. Brittle or damaged items are available at the discretion of RAC. Researchers interested in accessing digital media (floppy disks, CDs, DVDs, etc.) or audiovisual material (audio cassettes, VHS, etc.) in this collection must use an access surrogate. The original items may not be accessed because of preservation concerns. To request an access surrogate be made, or if you are unsure if there is an access surrogate, please contact an archivist.

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Related Materials

Separated Materials

Special Formats (video, digital media, and photographic material) have been separated from the body of the collection to facilitate stabilization, migration, and long-term preservation. All pertinent items are assigned a unique separation number, as noted. Requests to access open special formats should reference the unique separation number.

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Collection Inventory

Title/Description	Instances	
Flow Fund Reports - FFC Kazakhstan, Year 1, Enid Schreibman and Francis May, 2004-2005	box 1	folder 1
Flow Fund Reports - FFC Kazakhstan - Seeds Project - "Development of Philanthropy", 2005	box 1	folder 1A

Flow Fund Reports - FFC Kazakhstan, Year 2, Enid Schreibman and Francis May, 2006	box 1	folder 2
Flow Fund Member - Mira Bocharnikova - Photo Report, Kazakhstan, 2006 February	box 1	folder 3
B. Success Stories	box 1	folder 4
Flow Fund Reports - Justine and Michael Toms - New Dimensions Foundation, 1999	box 1	folder 5
Flow Fund Reports - Elias Amidon and Rabia Elizabeth Roberts, 2002-2006	box 1	folder 6
Flow Fund Bridging Circle Reports - Elias Amidon and Rabia Elizabeth Roberts, 2005	box 1	folder 7
Flow Fund Bridging Circle Reports - Elias Amidon and Rabia Elizabeth Roberts, 2003-2008	box 1	folder 8
Flow Fund Reports - Brazil Projects, Edmundo Barbosa, 2003-2004	box 1	folder 9
Flow Fund Reports - Brazil Projects, Edmundo Barbosa, 2004-2005	box 1	folder 10
Flow Fund Reports - Brazil Projects, Edmundo Barbosa, 2006-2007/2009	box 2	folder 11
Flow Fund Brazil, 2009	item 2010:039:001	
Brazil's Circle	item 2010:039:002	
Participants - A - B	box 2	folder 12
Scope and Contents		
Includes: Arrien, Barbosa, Bauer, Berry.		
Participants - D - H	box 2	folder 13
Scope and Contents		
Includes: Damon, Halifax, Hamilton, Hoffman.		
Participants - M - O	box 2	folder 14
Scope and Contents		
Includes: Suki Miller, Moss, Muller and Tiernan, Nagarajan and Swensen, Norberg Hodge, Mayumi Oda/		
Participants - P - R	box 2	folder 15
Scope and Contents		
Includes: Peavey, Peiniger, Remen.		
Participants - R - S	box 3	folder 16

Scope and Contents

Includes: Roberts and Amidon, Schreibman.

Participants - S	box 3	folder 17
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Includes: Lee Swenson and Vijaya Nagarajan.

Participants - S - T	box 3	folder 18
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Includes: Swartz, Toms.

Participants - David Jaap van Leeuwen	box 3	folder 19
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Flow Fund Reports - International Society for Ecology and Culture, Helena Norberg Hodge, 2003	box 3	folder 20
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Flow Fund Reports - International Society for Ecology and Culture, Helena Norberg Hodge, 1991-1992	box 4	folder 25
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Koalpara West Bengal, 2003 Rya and Sonya Berry Flowfunding, Central India Narmada River	box 4A	folder 2010:039:003
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Flow Fund Reports - Myanmar Projects Report, David Jaap van Leeuwen, 2009-2010	box 5	folder 27
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Flow Fund Reports - Angeles Arrien Foundation for Cross Cultural Education and Research, 1998	box 5	folder 28
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Circle of Bridge-Makers - Angeles Arrien Foundation for Cross Cultural Education and Research, 1991-2002	box 5	folder 29
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Flow Fund Reports - Circle of Bridge-Makers, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 - Angeles Arrien Foundation for Cultural Education and Research	box 5	folder 30
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Flow Fund Reports - Myanmar Projects, David Jaap van Leeuwen, 2006-2008	box 5	folder 31
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"American Foundations: An Investigative History", by Mark Dowie (with inscription), 2001	box 6	folder 36
Cyclone Nargis Video Report by David Jaap van Leeuwen, 2008 June 12-August 12	item 2010:039:004	
Cyclone Nargis Video Report by David Jaap van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:005	
Tet Ko Ko by David Jaap Van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:006	
Bo Min Thein by David Jaap van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:007	
Myanmar Projects by David Jaap van Leeuwen, 2009-2010	item 2010:039:008	
Sweet Dreams in Bagan by David van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:009	
A Desirable Rite of Passage by David Jaap van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:010	
Myanmar Projects by David Jaap Van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:011	
Myanmar Projects, David Jaap Van Leeuwen, 2008-2009	item 2010:039:012	
For the Flow Fund Circle by Viyali, 1996 September	item 2010:039:013	
Sweet Dreams in Bagan by David van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:014	
Flow Fund Circle Burma Hill Tribe Water Project	item 2010:039:015	
Flow Fund Circle Final Report (2 Year) Projects in Myanmar (Burma) - David Jaap Van Leeuwen, 2003	item 2010:039:016	
Third Flow Fund Circle	item 2010:039:017	
Music at Kanoo	item 2010:039:018	
Third Year Flow Fund by David Jaap Van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:019	
Myanmar Flow Fund Circle, Fourth Year, 2006	item 2010:039:020	
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Third Year Flow Fund by David Jaap Van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:022
A Desirable Rite of Passage by David Jaap van Leeuwen	item 2010:039:023
Marion Weber Flow Fund Circle - First Year Video Report by David Jaap van Leeuwen Burma Project	item 2010:039:024
Pen Pals to Burma	item 2010:039:025
Flow Fund Circle Final Video Report	item 2010:039:026
Myanmar Projects by David Jaap van Leeuwen, 2009-2010	item 2010:039:027