

Finding Aid to Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits Collection
(#2019-81)

Repository: Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual, Transgender Historical Society

Collection Title: Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits Collection

Collection Number: 2019-81

Physical Description: 4 linear feet (2 cartons, 2 document boxes, 1 oversize folder)

Creator: Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits

Date (inclusive): 1999-2018

Language of Material: English

Abstract:

Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS) is a community-based organization founded in 1998. This collection contains operational documents and promotional materials for BAAITS events, photographs, and ephemera from members.

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Conditions Governing Access:

Collection is open for research. One folder is restricted until 2041.

Publication Rights:

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Acquisition Information:

The collection was donated to the GLBT Historical Society by Joshua Aidan Dunn in February 2016. Additional materials were donated by Amelia Vigil in October 2023.

Processing Information:

Finding Aid created by Jack Roach in 2023.

This finding aid uses terminology for LGBTQ people that was in current use at the time of its creation. Descriptive language for queer identities evolves quickly and some of these terms may now be dated or even offensive. Finding aids are themselves historical documents; they reflect the moment in which they were written and often reflect the terms that subjects used for themselves. Please contact the GLBT Historical Society Archivist with questions or comments.

Biographical/Organizational History Note:

Bay Area American Indian Two-Spirits (BAAITS) was founded in 1998 by members of the Gay American Indians organization. BAAITS' mission is to restore and recover the role of Two-Spirit people within the American Indian/First Nations community by creating a forum for the spiritual, cultural and artistic expression of Two-Spirit people. They are run entirely by volunteers, and they host many events for the Bay Area Two Spirit community, including talking circles and retreats. In 2012, BAAITS hosted the first ever Two Spirit Powwow, which is now an annual event.

BAAITS' website: <https://www.baaits.org/>

Scope and Content:

This collection contains BAAITS operational documents and promotional and planning materials for the 11th and 12th Annual International Two Spirit Gatherings, BAAITS gatherings, and Annual Two Spirit Powwows. Also included are photographs (prints and negatives) and ephemera (textiles, ribbons, snag bags, pins).

Indexing Terms: LGBTQ, Two-Spirit people, People of color, American Indians, Native Americans, Indigenous people, AIDS (disease), Photography, Pride parades, San Francisco Bay Area (Calif.)

Container Listing

Series I: BAAITS—manuscripts, 1999-2018

Physical Description: 2 linear feet (1 carton, 1 document box, 1 oversize folder)

Scope and Content: Box 1 contains documents, promotional materials, and original artwork. Box 2 contains documents, magazines, and catalogs. The oversize folder contains posters.

Arrangement: Folders 2:1-2:16 are arranged alphabetically by subject.

- 1:1 Bylaws of BAAITS, undated
- 1:2 BAAITS misc. administrative & financial, 1990s-2000s
- 1:3 BAAITS misc. administrative & financial, 1990s-2000s
- 1:4 BAAITS misc. administrative & financial, 1990s-2000s
- 1:5 NA sexuality and gender roles, 1999

1:6 BAAITS correspondence/minutes, 1999-2000
1:7 BAAITS meeting minutes, 1999-2000
1:8 Eleventh Annual International Two Spirit Gathering, 1998
1:9 Funding exchange, 1999
1:10 Community center project, 1999
1:11 Gathering budget (for grants), 1999
1:12 Gathering forms, 1999
1:13 Registration scholarships for Gathering, 1999
1:14 Site search, 1999
1:15 Vanguard Public Foundation, 1999
1:16 Twelfth Annual International Two Spirit Gathering, 1999
1:17 NACC fundraiser, 1999
1:18 Pride celebration, 1999
1:19 BAAITS grants, 1990s-2000s
1:20 Events fliers & programs, 2000s
1:21 BAAITS administrative & financial, 2000s
1:22 BAAITS newsletter, 2000
1:23 Pride, 2002
1:24 Powwow, 2013
1:25 Website, 2000-2001
1:26 Potluck fliers/info., 2000s
1:27 Sign-in sheets, 2000s
1:28 Fund of the Four Directions, 2000-2001
1:29 12th Annual International Two Spirit Gathering (near Vancouver, BC), 2001
1:30 13th Annual International Two Spirit Gathering (Phoenix, AZ), 2001
1:31 Gill Foundation, 2001
1:32 Laura Oropeza correspondence, 2002
1:33 People of Color Organizing Institute, 2003
1:34 Stanford Powwow, 2005-2009
1:35 Shake the Feathers San Francisco event, 2007
1:36 Certificates, honors, proclamations, undated
1:37 Ephemera & publications, undated
1:38 Final reports, undated
1:39 Final reports–attachments, undated
1:40 Horizons Foundation grant materials, 2012
1:41 Mailing list changes/additions, c. 2001
1:42 NAAP intake forms, undated
1:43 BAAITS and NNAAPC fiscal relationship, 1999-2000
1:44 NACC, 1999
1:45 Registration forms, 1999-2002

- 1:46 Shake the Feathers program notes & report, 2008
- 1:47 TSPR, 2005
- 1:48 Community activities, 2000s
- 1:49 Artwork, undated

- 2:1 12th Annual Intl Two Spirit Gathering, 1999
- 2:2 12th Annual Intl Two Spirit Gathering–clippings, 1999
- 2:3 Annual Two Spirit Powwow promotional materials, 2012-2019
- 2:4 BAAITS calendar, 2011
- 2:5 BAAITS, NASC promotional materials & mailers, 1999-2013
- 2:6 Bay Area Times, 2018
- 2:7 Certificates–KIA, NAEHCR, 2013, undated
- 2:8 Exhibit placard, undated
- 2:9 Financial information, 2001-2003
- 2:10 Indian Country magazine, 2012
- 2:11 Press releases, 1999-2003
- 2:12 SF Pride catalog, 2005
- 2:13 SF Pride mainstage performance, 2003
- 2:14 SF Pride parade contingent, 2001
- 2:15 Two Spirit Retreat, 2002
- 2:16 Two Spirits, Two Stories, 2010

1 oversize folder Posters, 2012-2019

Series II: BAAITS–photos, 1999-2014

Physical Description: 0.75 linear feet (1 document box)

Scope and Content: Box 3 contains photographs (prints, negatives, album, CDs).

Arrangement: The folders are arranged alphabetically by subject.

Black and brown photo album c. 2008
(BAAITS events)

- 3:1 12th Annual Two Spirit Gathering, 1999
- 3:2 Events, parade, 2001-2005
- 3:3 Mounted photos, undated
- 3:4 Parade, 2004
- 3:5 Powwow photos (CDs), 2013-2014
- 3:6 SF Pride, 2001
- 3:7 SF Pride, 2008
- 3:8 Loose photos, oversized, 2003/undated
- 3:9 Photo album 1 of 2, 2004-2008

- 3:10 Photo album 2 of 2, 2004-2008
- 3:11 Black/brown album–negatives, c. 2008
- 3:12 SF Pride–negatives, 2001

Series III: BAAITS–artifacts, c. 2002-2018

Physical Description: 1.25 linear feet (1 carton)

Scope and Content: Box 4 contains ephemera (textiles, ribbons, snag bags, pins).

3 Ribbons-San Francisco Pride	2002-2018
5 T-shirts	c. 2013-2018
1 Shawl	undated
2 Snag bags	undated
1 Woven basket	undated
1 Medicine pouch w/tobacco	undated
1 Dress (top and skirt)	undated
1 Headpiece (2 parts)	undated
1 Bandana	undated
1 Keychain	undated
1 Pin	undated
1 Badge	undated