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Preliminary Guide to the Sally Fox Innovative Lives Presentation

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives Center, National Museum of American History
Title:	Sally Fox Innovative Lives Presentation
Date:	1997
Identifier:	NMAH.AC.0646
Creator:	Person, Abigail Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Fox, Sally
Extent:	0.25 Cubic feet (3 boxes)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Created by the Jerome and Dorothy Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation on November 14, 1997.

Provenance

The collection was transferred from the Lemelson Center to the Archives Center on May 1, 1998.

Available Formats

Original videos digitized in 2014. See repository for details.

Processing Information

Processed by Alison Oswald, archivist, July 1998; revised January 2001.

Preferred Citation

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Biographical / Historical

Sally Fox began growing brown cotton in 1982 and experimented with crossbreeding it. By 1985, some of Fox's plants growing from cross-pollinated seeds produced green cotton as well as brown. These naturally colored cottons were brought to the marketplace in 1989, when Fox established her company, Natural Cotton Colours, Inc., in Arizona. FoxFibre is the registered trademark of her naturally colored cotton. Fox developed several different types and colors of cotton--pink, yellow, lavender, brown, green, and red. Crossbreeding two types, reddish-brown Coyote and traditional white Pima produces the bronze brown Buffalo FoxFibre. The six varieties of FoxFibre include three browns: Coyote (reddish), Buffalo (mocha), and New Brown; and three greens: Green FoxFibre, Palo Verde (sage), and New Green. FoxFibre is naturally colored, so there is need to bleach or dye the fabric. The Coyote and Buffalo FoxFibre are naturally flame resistant. FoxFibre is environmentally friendly because it is grown organically, without the use of chemical pesticides.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains 5 1/2 hours of footage documenting Sally Fox, an inventor of a commercially spinnable naturally colored cotton. This video was created on November 14, 1997.

Arrangement

The collection is divided into four series.

Series 1: Original Videos, 1997

Series 2: Master Videos, 1997

Series 3: Reference Videos, 1997

Series 4: Photographs, 1997

Names and Subject Terms

This collection is indexed in the online catalog of the Smithsonian Institution under the following terms:

Subjects:

- Cotton -- 1980-2000
- Cotton growing -- 1980-2000
- Inventions -- 1980-2000
- Inventors -- 1980-2000
- Inventors -- 20th century
- Slides
- Spinning -- 1980-2000

Types of Materials:

- Interviews -- 1980-2000
- Oral history -- 1980-2000
- Photographs
- Videotapes -- 1990-2000

Names:

Fox Fibre.
Natural Cotton Colours, Inc.

Container Listing

Series 1: Original Videos, 1997-11-14

11 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Box 1, Video OV 646.1	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.2	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.3	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.4	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.5	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.6	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.7	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.8	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.9	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.10	Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14
Box 1, Video OV 646.11	Fox interview, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

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Series 2: Master Videos, 1997 November 14

6 Videocassettes (BetacamSP)

Box 2, Video MV
646.1 Sally Fox in Hands on Science Center, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

Box 2, Video MV
646.2 Sally Fox interview with students, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

Box 2, Video MV
646.3 Sally Fox Innovative Lives footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

Box 2, Video MV
646.4 Sally Fox Innovative Lives Footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

Box 3, Video MV
646.5 Sally Fox Innovative Lives Footage, 1997-11-14 - 1997-11-14

Box 3, Video MV
646.6 Sally Fox--universal craft, natural fibre, mentor, undated

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Series 3: Reference Videos, 1997 November 14

Box 4, Video RV 646.1-4

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Series 4: Photographs, 1997-11-14

Box 4, Folder 1
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