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Oral history interview with Lenore Chinn

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Video: Oral history interview with Lenore Chinn, 2020 July 30, Digital Video Recording</a> <a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Lenore Chinn, 2020 July 30, Transcript</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview is part of the Archives of American Art Oral History Program, started in 1958 to document the history of the visual arts in the United States, primarily through interviews with artists, historians, dealers, critics and administrators.

### Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

### Restrictions

This interview is open for research.

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## Biographical / Historical

Lenore Chinn (1949- ) is a Chinese American painter, photographer, and queer rights activist based in San Francisco, California. Chinn co-founded the Lesbians in the Visual Arts and Queer Cultural Center and has been an active member of the Asian American Women Artists Association.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview with Lenore Chinn conducted 2020 July 30, by Benjamin Gillespie, for the Archives of American Art's Art Pandemic Oral History Project at Chinn's home in San Francisco, California.

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## Physical Characteristics and Technical Requirements

Recorded on Zoom (videoconferencing software)

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- AIDS (Disease)
- Asian American art
- Asian American artists
- Asian American painters
- Asian American photographers
- COVID-19 (Disease)
- Chinese American art
- Chinese American artists
- Pandemics
- Racism
- Women artists
- Women painters
- Women photographers

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Pandemic Oral History Project

Occupations:

- Painters -- California -- San Francisco
- Photographers -- California -- San Francisco