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Oral history interview Opal R. Fleckenstein

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview Opal R. Fleckenstein
Date:	1965 Nov. 19 and 20
Identifier:	AAA.flecke65
Creator:	Fleckenstein, Opal R., 1911 or 2-1996 (Interviewee) Bestor, Dorothy K., 1913- (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Conducted as part of the Archives of American Art's New Deal and the Arts project, which includes over 400 interviews of artists, administrators, historians, and others involved with the federal government's art programs and the activities of the Farm Security Administration in the 1930s and early 1940s.

Restrictions

Transcript available on the Archives of American Art website.

Biographical / Historical

Opal R. Fleckenstein (1911-1996) was a painter, ceramist from Seattle, Wash.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Opal R. Fleckenstein conducted 1965 Nov. 19 and 20, by Dorothy Bestor for the Archives of American Art, at the artist's home in Spokane, Wash. Speaks of her work at Spokane Art Center under the Federal Art Project; of the painting courses at the art center; exhibitions shown there; the lack of facilities in Spokane; benefits of the art center to her own development; and her photography, batik work, and painting; She recalls Mark Tobey, Kenneth Downer, and Guy Anderson.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Federal aid to the arts
- New Deal, 1933-1939
- Women artists
- Women ceramicists
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Anderson, Guy, 1906-1998
- Federal Art Project (Wash.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Tobey, Mark

Occupations:

- Ceramicists -- Washington (State) -- Seattle
- Painters -- Washington (State) -- Seattle