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Oral history interview with William Friedman

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## Collection Overview

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<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with William Friedman
<b>Date:</b>	1965 June 16
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.friedm65
<b>Creator:</b>	Friedman, William (Interviewee) McChesney, Mary Fuller (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
<b>Extent:</b>	19 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with William Friedman, 1965 June 16, Transcript</a>

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## Administrative Information

### Acquisition Information

This interview 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.

### Available Formats

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

### Restrictions

This interview is open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

William Friedman (1909- ) was a designer who worked for the Iowa Federal Art Project.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of William Friedman conducted 1965 June 16, by Mary McChesney, for the Archives of American Art New Deal and the Arts Project.

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Friedman speaks of his education; teaching at the Design Laboratory under the Federal Art Project; working as a supervisor with the Iowa Federal Art Project; the establishment of art centers; the Index of American Design; his feelings about the project.

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## General

Originally recorded on 1 sound tape reel. Reformatted in 2010 as 2 digital wav files. Duration is 1 hr., 35 min.

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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:

- Designers -- Interviews
- Federal aid to the arts

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Design Laboratory (New York, N.Y.)
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project