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Oral history interview with Boris Gilbertson

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Boris Gilbertson
Identifier:	AAA.gilber64
Date:	1964 June 25
Creator:	Gilbertson, Boris, 1907-1982 (Interviewee) Loomis, Sylvia Glidden (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
Extent:	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recordings (1 hour); 7 in.) 33 Pages (Transcript: (on one microfilm reel))
Language:	English .

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: 35mm microfilm reel 3419 available at Archives of American Art offices and through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Patrons must use microfilm copy.

Biographical / Historical

Sculptor; Santa Fe, N.M.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Boris Gilbertson conducted 1964 June 25 by Sylvia Loomis for the Archives of American Art.

Scope and Contents

Gilbertson speaks of his background; his education at the Art Institute of Chicago; starting out as a sculptor; his early involvement with the Treasury Relief Art Project; his work in Wisconsin for the project; how the

Project functioned and how his work was supervised; the TRAP's effect on the politics of the time; his views of abstract art; the uses of humor in sculpture and in art; animal subject matter in his work.

General

An unrelated interview of Gene Kloss conducted by S. Loomis is also on this tape.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Animal sculptors -- Interviews
- Art and state
- Federal aid to the arts
- Sculptors -- New Mexico -- Santa Fe -- Interviews
- Sculptors -- Wisconsin -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
- Treasury Relief Art Project