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Oral history interview with Wilma Harris

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Wilma Harris
Date:	1964 Apr. 22
Identifier:	AAA.harris64
Creator:	Harris, Wilma, 1910- (Interviewee) McChesney, Mary Fuller (Interviewer) New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project
Extent:	1 Sound tape reel (Sound recordings (1 hour); 5 in.) 39 Pages (Transcript)
Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Digital Content: Oral history interview with Wilma Harris, 1964 April 22, Transcript

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.

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.

Biographical / Historical

Weaver; California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Wilma Harris conducted by Mary McChesney on 1964 Apr. 22 for the Archives of American Art.

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Harris speaks of her background and art education at the California School of Fine Arts; the Federal Art Project weaving project in San Francisco and her involvement in it. She recalls Victor Arnautoff and Beniamino Bufano.

General

The recording ends before the conclusion of the interview.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Decorative arts
- Federal aid to the arts
- New Deal, 1933-1939
- Women artists
- Women textile artists

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

- Arnautoff, Victor Mikhail, 1896-1979
- Bufano, Beniamino, 1898-1970
- New Deal and the Arts Oral History Project

Occupations:

- Weavers -- California