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Oral history interview with Amy Freeman Lee

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral history interview with Amy Freeman Lee
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Date:	1980 Sept. 15
Creator:	Lee, Amy Freeman (Interviewee) Levy, Sandra Curtis (Interviewer)
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Language:	English .
Digital Content:	Audio: Oral history interview with Amy Freeman Lee, 1980 Sept. 15, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)

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 others.

Available Formats

Transcript: 35mm microfilm reel 3752 available for use through interlibrary loan.

Restrictions

Transcript: Use requires an appointment.

Biographical / Historical

Amy Freeman Lee (1914-2004) was a painter, lecturer, and critic from San Antonio, Tex. Studied at University of Texas, Austin, and Incarnate Word College. She is active in supporting and furthering the cause of the fine arts in the southwest United States.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Amy Freeman Lee conducted 1980 Sept. 15, by Sandra Curtis Levy, for the Archives of American Art.

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Lee speaks of her youth in Seguin, Tex.; her education; the development of her interest in art; her philanthropic activities; starting out as a water colorist; influences on her painting style; her experiments with neon; Texas as an artistic community; her decision not to do abstract expressionist painting; her philosophy of life.

General

Originally recorded on 2 sound tape reels. Reformatted in 2010 as 3 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 19 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Art criticism
- Art, American
- Women art critics
- Women artists
- Women educators
- Women painters

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Occupations:

- Art critics -- Texas
- Educators -- Texas
- Painters -- Texas