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Joann and Gifford Phillips papers

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Joann and Gifford Phillips papers
Identifier:	AAA.philjoan
Date:	circa 1950-2011
Creator:	Phillips, Joann Phillips, Gifford
Extent:	2.6 Linear feet
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2003- 2011 by Joann and Gifford Phillips.

Location of Originals

Interview transcript: Original located at the Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.

Reproduction Note

Interview transcript: is a photocopy.

Restrictions

Use of original papers requires an appointment and is limited to the Archives' Washington, D.C., Research Center. Contact Reference Services for more information.

Biographical / Historical

Joann and Gifford Phillips are art patrons and collectors from Santa Fe, N.M. Gifford Phillips is the nephew of Duncan Phillips and a collector and founder of the Phillips Collection, Washington, D.C.

Scope and Contents

Correspondence, photographs, writings, interview transcripts, a sound recording, printed material and miscellany concerning the careers of art collectors Joann and Gifford Phillips.

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Correspondence is both professional and personal. Photographs are of Richard Diebenkorn, Emerson Woelffer and Robert Motherwell.

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Writings are by Gifford Phillips and include a 122 p. manuscript, undated, and an updated version (May 2007) describing his forty-year term as a trustee of the Museum of Modern Art in New York; a 23 p. manuscript "Notes on Frontier Magazine, A Memoir," 2009 in which Phillips writes about his experience starting Frontier magazine in California during the 1950s; "Collecting," 2009, a discussion about collecting art based on Phillips' personal experience; and a 16 p. typescript (with copy on CD), 2011, in which Phillip's writes about his involvement with the Pasadena Museum of Art.

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The interview transcript is of a March 2004 interview with Joann and Gifford Phillips conducted by Donita Moorhus for the Phillips Collection in Washington, D.C. The sound recording is a conversation on CD recorded at a public event at SITE, a contemporary arts organization in Santa Fe, N.M., regarding the topic My Life in Art with SITE director Laura Heon, artist Jock Reynolds, and Joann and Gifford Phillips. Printed material includes scrapbooks and newspaper clippings. Miscellany includes appointment books.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Collectors and collecting -- New Mexico -- Sante Fe -- Interviews

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Scrapbooks
Sound recordings

Names:

Diebenkorn, Richard, 1922-1993 -- Photographs
Heon, Laura Steward
Moorhus, Donita
Motherwell, Robert -- Photographs
Museum of Modern Art (New York, N.Y.)
Reynolds, Jock
Woelffer, Emerson, 1914- -- Photographs