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Collection Overview

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Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 2003 by Jean Robertson as part of the Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America. Researchers note: A separate 2002 interview of Crow, also conducted by Robertson and a part of the Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America is also available.

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

Nancy Crow (1943-) is a quiltmaker from Baltimore, Ohio. Interviewer Jean Robertson is an art critic and curator from Indianapolis, Ind.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Nancy Crow conducted by Jean Robertson, Aug.17, 1988, as a part of Robertson's research for the book, "Nancy Crow: Quilts and Influences" by Nancy Crow and Jean Robertson, Collector Books, Dec. 1989. Crow speaks about her childhood and early artistic aspirations; her dissatisfaction with her first quilts in the early 1970s; traditional quiltmaking; her work in tapestry weaving; meeting Francoise Barnes and Virginia Randles and learning to quilt; the difference between the weaving and quilting process; working in series; her interest in Mexican folk art and African American quilts; living on an isolated farm and drawing inspiration from nature; her use of titles, colors, patterns, scale, and fabrics; the importance of her training in ceramics; and she compares her work to quilts by Michael James.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Decorative arts
- Women art critics
- Women artists
- Women textile artists

Names:

- Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America

Occupations:

- Art critics -- Indiana
- Curators -- Indiana
- Fiber artists -- Ohio
- Quiltmakers -- Ohio