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## Oral history interview with Mary Ann Scherr

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## Collection Overview

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## 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 administrators.

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## Biographical / Historical

Mary Ann Scherr (1921- ) is a jeweler from Raleigh, N.C. Mary Douglas (1956-) is a curator at the Mint Museum of Craft and Design in Charlotte, N.C.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Mary Ann Scherr conducted 2001 April 6-7, by Mary Douglas, for the Archives of American Art's Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America.

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This interview took place in the artist's home and studio, Raleigh, N.C.

## General

Originally recorded on 5 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 9 digital wav files. Duration is 4 hr., 34 min.

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## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

- Art -- Philosophy
- Decorative arts
- Design, Industrial
- Jewelers -- North Carolina -- Raleigh -- Interviews
- Jewelry -- Design
- Jewelry making -- Equipment and supplies
- Jewelry making -- Study and teaching
- Jewelry making -- Technique
- Metal-work -- Technique
- Women artists

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Kent State University -- Faculty
- Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America
- Parsons School of Design -- Faculty
- Penland School of Handicrafts