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Oral history interview with Helen Z. Shirk

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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.

Restrictions

For information on how to access this interview contact Reference Services.

Biographical / Historical

Helen Z. Shirk (1942-) is an artist and educator in La Mesa, California. Jo Lauria (1954-) is a curator and writer in Sherman Oaks, California.

Scope and Contents

An interview of Helen Z. Shirk conducted 2012 July 29, by Jo Lauria, for the Archives of American Art's Nanette L. Laitman Documentation Project for Craft and Decorative Arts in America, at Shirk's home and studio, in La Mesa, California.

General

Originally recorded as 5 sound files. Duration is 3 hr., 31 min.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

- Metal-work
- Women artists
- Women designers

Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

Names:

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

Occupations:

- Jewelers -- California
- Metal-workers -- California