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Rossbach and Katherine Westphal

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Collection Overview

Repository:	Archives of American Art
Title:	Oral History interviews with Ed Rossbach and Katherine Westphal
Date:	1997
Identifier:	AAA.smitpaul
Creator:	Smith, Paul J. (Interviewer) Rossbach, Ed (Interviewee)
Extent:	8 Sound cassettes (Sound recordings) 86 Pages (Transcripts)
Language:	English .

Administrative Information

Acquisition Information

Donated 1998 by the Rhode Island School of Design, Museum of Art.

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

Rossbach: b. 1914; d. 2002. Westphal: b. 1919. Both are fiber artists, Berkeley, Calif.; he the weaver, and she the painter/printer.

Scope and Contents

Oral history interview with Ed Rossbach (37 p. transcript) and Katherine Westphal (49 p.) conducted by Paul J. Smith in preparation for the exhibition "The Ties That Bind: Fiber Art by Ed Rossbach and Katherine Westphal from the Daphne Farago Collection" sponsored by the Rhode Island School of Design, Museum of Art. (The exhibition was held at RISD, 17 October 1997-11 January 1998 and at the American Craft Museum, NYC, 25 June-6 September 1998.) Two exhibition catalogs are also included. Ed Rossbach's health problems at the time of the interview affected his ability to recall certain events.

Names and Subject Terms

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

Subjects:

Decorative arts

Fiber artists -- California -- Berkeley -- Interviews
Fiberwork

Types of Materials:

Interviews
Sound recordings

Names:

Rhode Island School of Design. Museum of Art
Westphal, Katherine

Occupations:

Weavers