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## Oral history interview with Marguerite Wildenhain

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Marguerite Wildenhain
<b>Identifier:</b>	AAA.wilden82
<b>Date:</b>	1982 March 14
<b>Creator:</b>	Wildenhain, Marguerite (Interviewee) Bray, Hazel V. (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	63 Pages (Transcript)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Marguerite Wildenhain, 1982 March 14, Digital Sound Recording (Excerpt)</a>

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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 others.

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## Biographical / Historical

Marguerite Wildenhain (1896-1985) was a potter from Guerneville, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An interview of Marguerite Wildenhain conducted 1982 March 14, by Hazel Bray, for the Archives of American Art.

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Wildenhain speaks of her early interest in pottery; studying at the Bauhaus; the Bauhaus philosophy; her apprenticeship as a potter under Max Krehan; studying under Gerhard Marcks; becoming the first woman master potter in Germany in 1926; fleeing the Nazis to Holland; coming to the United States; moving to California and teaching at the California College of Arts and Crafts; craftsmanship as a way of life; and her sources of inspiration.

## General

Originally recorded on 2 sound cassettes. Reformatted in 2010 as 4 digital wav files. Duration is 2 hrs., 7 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:

- Ceramicists -- California -- Interviews
- Ceramics
- Decorative arts
- Women artists
- Women ceramicists

### Types of Materials:

- Interviews
- Sound recordings

### Names:

- Bauhaus
- Krehan, Max
- Marcks, Gerhard