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## Oral history interview with Virginia Wright

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## Collection Overview

<b>Repository:</b>	Archives of American Art
<b>Title:</b>	Oral history interview with Virginia Wright
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<b>Creator:</b>	Wright, Virginia, 1929-2020 (Interviewee) Riedel, Mija, 1958- (Interviewer)
<b>Extent:</b>	88 Pages (Transcript) 4 Items (sound files (3 hrs., 13 min.); digital, wav)
<b>Language:</b>	English .
<b>Digital Content:</b>	<a href="#">Digital Content: Oral history interview with Virginia Wright, 2017 March 22- 23, Transcript</a> <a href="#">Audio: Oral history interview with Virginia Wright, 2017 March 22- 23, 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 administrators.

### Available Formats

Transcript is available on the Archives of American Art's website.

### Restrictions

The transcript and recording are open for research. Contact Reference Services for more information.

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## Biographical / Historical

Virginia Wright (1929-2020) was an art collector and philanthropist in Seattle, Washington. Mija Riedel (1958- ) is an independent scholar in San Francisco, California.

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## Scope and Contents

An oral history interview with Virginia Wright conducted 2017 March 22-23, by Mija Riedel, for the Archives of American Art and the Center for the History of Collecting in America at the Frick Art Reference Library of The Frick Collection, at Wright's home in Seattle, Washington.

## Names and Subject Terms

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

### Subjects:

Art -- Collectors and collecting -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews  
Philanthropists -- Washington (State) -- Seattle -- Interviews  
Women art collectors

### Types of Materials:

Interviews  
Sound recordings

### Names:

Art Collectors: A Project in Partnership with the Center for the History of Collecting in America  
at The Frick Collection