

Basic Detail Report



Title Auspicious Signs: Tibetan Arts in New England - Sonam Lama

Date 1996

Primary Maker Sonam Lama

Medium Photography; color slide on plastic in cardboard mount

Description Slides showing buildings made by Sonam Lama. These images were used for the "Auspicious Signs: Tibetan Arts in New England" exhibit project and catalogue. Images courtesy of Sonam Lama. 2015.196.226.1: Slide showing a traditional painted stone house constructed by Sonam as an apprentice in Ganden, Tibet. 2015.196.226.2: Slide showing a chorten (stupa) built by Sonam in Libertyville, Illinois, on a farm owned by Buddhists who commissioned it for the Dalai Lama's visit in 1991. Chortens are structures built on high points as symbols of transcendence from this world to enlightenment. Chortens mark places where deities may have lived, or where historical or special events have occurred. Their function is both commemorative and devotional.