

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

FROM: Library Services Department
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TITLE: Joan Irving Brandt Centennial Event

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff requests that the City Arts Commission approve a 100th Anniversary celebration for local artist Joan Irving Brandt.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

The program will require funds for the curator and lecturer's honorarium, display costs, and for light refreshments.

DISCUSSION:

2016 marks the 100th Anniversary of the birth of Joan Irving Brandt. Painter, sculptor, and muralist Joan Irving Brandt was born in Riverside, California on March 12, 1916. Irving began painting while a pupil at the Katharine Branson School in Ross, California. Upon graduation, she attended Riverside College and studied at the Los Angeles Art Center School under Edward Kaminski and Barse Miller. The wife of artist Rex Brandt, she began teaching at their home and studio in 1948 and in 1973 became co-director of the Blue Sky school. She also taught at Orange Coast College, Coronado School of Fine Arts, and Chouinard Art School. She served on the Board of Library Trustees in the 1950s and as chairman of the Newport Harbor Art Museum in 1960. Much of her subject matter was derived from the area around her home in Corona del Mar where she lived from 1946 until her demise on Nov. 28, 1995.

Source:

Edan Hughes, "Artists in California, 1786-1940"

<http://www.askart.com/AskART/artists/biography.aspx?artist=1974>

In honor of Joan Irving Brandt, and her artistic and historical significance to Newport Beach, staff requests the City Arts Commission approve a 100th Anniversary event in the Friends Room at Central Library on a date to be determined in Spring 2016. The program will include a lecture and exhibition of Joan Irving Brandt's work.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).