

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Joan Irving Brandt Centennial Celebration

RECOMMENDATION:

The Fine Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee requests that the City Arts Commission approve that the Joan Irving Brandt Centennial Celebration be held on March 5, 2016 in the Central Library Friends Room.

DISCUSSION:

Joan Irving Brandt was a painter, sculptor, muralist. Born in Riverside, CA on March 12, 1916, Irving began painting while a pupil at the Katharine Branson School in Ross, CA. 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 his summer school, "Blue Sky" in 1948 and in 1973 became co-director. Her teaching experience also included Orange Coast College, Coronado School of Fine Arts, and Chouinard Art School. She was a member of the Newport Beach Arts Commission and served as Chair in 1965. Much of her subject matter was derived from the area around her home in Corona del Mar where she lived from 1946 until her passing on Nov. 28, 1995.

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

In honor of Joan Irving Brandt, the Fine Arts Ad Hoc Subcommittee is planning an exhibition her work in the Central Library, a lecture, and a reception in the Central Library Friends Room on March 5, 2016.

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).