

NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION

In celebration



Artwork photographed by Austin McClelland

Joan Irving Brandt **CENTENNIAL**

Saturday, March 5, 2016

CENTRAL LIBRARY, 1000 AVOCADO AVENUE

Art Exhibit: 9 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Program and Reception: 2 p.m.

Presentation by exhibit curator and art
historian: Gordon T. McClelland.

Panel discussion with Gene Crain and
Joan Brandt Scarboro and others.

Joan Irving Brandt

1916-1995



Born March 12, 1916, Joan Irving spent her childhood in Southern California. She studied art at Riverside City College and the Los Angeles Art Center School under Edward Kaminski and Barse Miller, and began to exhibit her watercolors professionally in the late 1930s. Joan's career in watercolor got off to an early start with the purchase of one of her works by the prestigious Metropolitan Museum. At the time, she was the youngest American painter to be so honored. In 1938 she married fellow artist Rex Brandt and in 1948 she began teaching at the famed Brandt-Dike Summer School of Painting in Corona Del Mar. It became one of the most successful watercolor schools in California during the 1950s era. Their residence and school known in the community as "Blue Sky," was designated as a Historic Place of Interest in 2015.

Joan Irving Brandt was also very active in the historical and cultural development of Newport Beach. She served as chairman of the first City Fine Arts Committee (later known as the City Arts Commission) and helped establish the Newport Harbor Art Museum.

Exhibit: February 16 - March 31, 2016

A selection of original Joan Irving Brandt watercolors and sculptures on loan from Gene Crane and others will be on display in the Central Library.



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