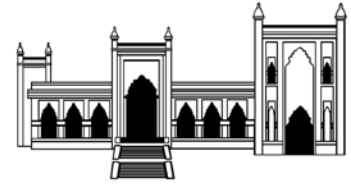


Brand Library Art Galleries

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The Associates of Brand Library & Art Center is very proud to present ***The Artwork of Robert Brown: A Retrospective Exhibition of a Life's Work*** on view at the Brand Library Art Galleries during regular hours from June 29 through July 9, 2010. An opening reception will be held Sunday, June 27, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m.

The Brand Library Art Galleries will feature a complete survey of the art of long time Glendale resident Robert Brown, one of southern California's most important, creative, and prolific 20th Century visual artists. All works in this exhibition will be for sale, with proceeds benefitting the Associates of Brand Library & Art Center. This exhibition presents a unique opportunity to view a lifetime's worth of artistic achievement while supporting the Associates of Brand Library, a non-profit organization whose mission is to aid and support Brand Library programs, collections, and facilities.

Robert Brown was born in San Francisco in 1917. He received his Bachelor of Arts from San Francisco State College and Masters of Fine arts degrees from both the California College of Arts and Crafts and the University of Southern California.

Brown was a Professor of Fine Art at Glendale Community College and taught there from 1948 to 1983. In his retirement year, GCC mounted a retrospective show of 55 of his serigraphs.

From the late 1940s to the early 1980s Brown was a prolific and master printmaker, producing strong, thought-provoking and often humorous works that spanned many styles, from figurative and abstract to pop art. In addition to his graphic works, he created contemporary stained glass pieces. Brown's 52 foot architectural glass panel commissioned by The First Methodist Church in Glendale is still on view.

Throughout his long career he developed new means of expression. In addition to his iconic print and glass works his oeuvre includes photography, drawings, collage, woodcuts, and ceramics. His decorative works—wallpapers, murals, textiles—are in private and public collections throughout southern California.

Mr. Brown was an active member of the Western Serigraph Institute and an Honorary Artist of the Pasadena Society of Artists. He also served as president of the Los Angeles Printmaking Society foundation.

Mr. Brown died in October, 2009 in Glendale at the age of 92. His daughter Jan Reilly made a gift of his works to the Associates of Brand Library as Mr. Brown loved the library and had exhibited his work there many times. His pieces entitled "Suburbia" and "Opposite but Equal" received the Brand Associates Purchase Award and are part of the Associates' permanent collection.

Brand Library Art Galleries is located in northwest Glendale, easily accessed via the Golden State (5) or Ventura (134) freeways. Hours are Tuesday and Thursday, 12-8 pm; Wednesday, 12-6 pm; and Friday and Saturday, 10 am-5 pm. Admission to all events is free and open to the public unless otherwise stated. There is ample free parking. Call 818-548-2051 or visit www.brandlibrary.org for additional information.

Images follow.



Robert Brown, *Galveston Sunset*, serigraph.



Robert Brown, *Invasion*, serigraph.



Robert Brown, *Suburb*, serigraph.



Robert Brown, [title unknown], serigraph.

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