

**Sale Name:** Fine Art & Artifacts Online Auction Aug. 29th 2024 - Sept. 17 2024

**LOT 33 - Annora Brown - Natural Landscape**



**Artist Description** Mary Annora Brown (1899 – 1987 CAD) O.C.A., A.S.A. Mary Annora Brown L.L. D. known as Annora Brown, born near Red Deer, Alberta, a Canadian visual artist whose work encompassed painting and graphic design. She was best known for her depictions of natural landscapes, wildflowers, and First Nations communities in Canada. Much of her work thematically explored Albertan identity, though she remained relatively obscure in discussions of Canadian art. Her introduction to art came from her mother, who had in turn been taught to paint by Florence Carlyle. Brown went on to study at the Ontario College of Art from 1925-1929. Two of her instructors were notable Group of Seven members Arthur Lismer and J. E. H. MacDonald. These artists were interested in developing a modernist strand of Canadian art that could contribute to the construction of a Canadian identity, but she was encouraged to develop her own style. At the OCA she met and became friends with other notable western artists, which included Euphemia McNaught and Illingworth Kerr. Brown then taught at Mount Royal College in Calgary, Alberta from 1929 to 1931. Upon her return to Fort Macleod in 1931, she completed work for the University of Alberta Faculty of Extension on handicrafts. She continued producing artwork in her studio, while also working as an illustrator and designer, caring for her parents, and engaging in amateur naturalism. She became committed to the introduction of art schools in the region and was one of several artists committed to expanding Albertan art education in the 1930s and 1940s. From 1945-1950 she taught at the Banff School of Fine Arts. She displayed with and became a member of various artistic organisations throughout her career, and she was the first female member of the Alberta Society of Artists. In 1965, Brown moved to British Columbia, initially to Sidney, and then to Deep Cove, where she continued to make art. In 1971, she was

awarded an honorary doctorate from the University of Lethbridge. Brown died in Deep Cove in 1987.

### Description

*Gouache*

Signed Lower Right

Sight - 10.5 ins x 14 ins ( 26.67 cm x 35.56 cm)

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