

BLACKBURN: “A PLACE FOR ALL SEASONS”
(Crandall Public Library)

OVERVIEW OF THE OBJECTS

Repository:	Crandall Public Library. Folklife Center Glens Falls, NY.
Creator:	Loren Blackburn (1929 – 2017)
Title:	Blackburn: “A Place For All Seasons” (Crandall Public Library)
Dates:	1993
Quantity:	1 print
Identification:	Art & Artifacts: Art

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE

Loren Blackburn, of Queensbury, NY, was an advertising manager for Albany International in the Engineered Systems Division. He began painting in 1977. He paints watercolors of area landmarks and scenes. He received national attention in 1981, when he introduced a series of paintings, called “A Day at Saratoga, 1980.” His watercolors were made into calendars and printed by Albany International in the 1980s. His 1980 calendar was sent to China; the first American calendar to enter China since before World War II. In March of 1983, he was featured in *American Artist* magazine, as an up-and-coming artist.

Blackburn became acquainted with Mrs. Weber Furlong (1878-1962), an art teacher and enthusiast, who moved to Glens Falls in 1950. She was well connected in the art world and was an acquaintance of Pablo Picasso. She was a character, known for her large picture hats. She was a friend of Blackburn’s and found him odd jobs using his painting skills. She took him to meet Charlotte Hyde. Mrs. Hyde looked at his work and offered to send him to art school, as long as he would agree to put off marriage. He declined her offer because he had already proposed to Joan, who later became his wife. After this, his friendship with Mrs. Weber wavered.

He married and had children and became interested in boating and trout fishing, while his painting sat on the back burner. He began apprenticing at General Electric Co. and took a fifteen-year hiatus from painting. He began painting again when his wife, Joan, encouraged him to in 1977. His watercolors were made into calendars in the 1980s and 90s and later.

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE OBJECTS

This is a colored image of Crandall Public Library at night, in the winter. The image measures 8 ¼ inches by 10 ¾ inches. It sits in a gold and green matte and a gold frame, making the entire piece 11 ¾ inches by 14 5/8 inches. It is signed "L. BLACKBURN" in the lower right corner. The name "JOAN" (Blackburn's wife) is written in one snow-covered tree branch.

Below the image is the title: "A Place For All Seasons", and below that is the following:

Our Crandall Library, the pride of downtown, has provided the people of Glens Falls and the surrounding communities with dedicated service and support for a hundred years. In this 1993, their anniversary year we offer them our heartfelt thanks and congratulations.
Glens Falls, New York

This print comes from a "portfolio of scenic watercolors" by Blackburn, probably the 1994 calendar. The verso of this print is signed, in pen, "Best Wishes for the New Year, Loren Blackburn."