



## A Brief History

◊ What is now Brand Library was built in 1904 as Leslie C. Brand's home, *Miradero*, "a high place overlooking a wide view." Built by Brand's nephew, architect Nathaniel Dryden, it was inspired by the East Indian Pavilion and built for the 1893 Columbian World Exposition held in Chicago.

◊ On April 10, 1925 Brand died, leaving his estate to the city of Glendale upon the death of his wife, provided it be converted into a public library and park. Mrs. Brand died in 1945. By 1956, the mansion had been converted into a 5,000 sq. ft. library.

◊ In 1969, an addition, a modernized version of the original Saracenic design, added 21,000 sq. ft. to the facility. The addition includes an art gallery, a recital hall, a sculpture court, and Brand Studios. This addition was built as "the cultural showplace of Glendale," a role it plays to this day.



Leslie C. Brand

- ◊ Born in Missouri in 1859, he became the sole provider for his family at age 11. In 1886, Brand came to California to take advantage of its first boom period.
- ◊ Mr. Brand is largely responsible for Glendale's civic development: he organized utility companies, founded the Title Guarantee and Trust Company, sponsored local businesses, invested heavily in San Fernando Valley real estate, and built a private airstrip where he hosted the world's first fly-in parties.
- ◊ He is called "The Father of Glendale" because he connected the city to the world by building its first electric railroad. He also relocated the city center to what is now Brand Boulevard.



OFFICIAL RIBBON - CUTTING — What dedication would be official without the traditional ribbon-cutting ceremony? Shown taking part in the act of dedicating the new Brand Art Center are, from

left, Jack Ramsey, city librarian; Mrs. Donald P. Hunter, president of the Brand Art Center Assoc.; Lynda Wenberg, Miss Glendale, and Warren Haverkamp, mayor of Glendale.

## Brand Studios Hours of Operation

Monday - Thursday	8:00am - 9:30pm
Friday	8:00am - 6:00pm
Saturday & Sunday	8:00am—12:00noon

The studios will be closed on the following holidays:

New Year's Day	Memorial Day
Independence Day	Labor Day
Thanksgiving Day	Christmas Day

On Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve, the studios will close to the public at 4:00pm.

## Phone Numbers

**Brand Park Studios**  
(818) 548-3782

**Brand Library & Recital Hall**  
(818) 548-2051

**Life-Long Learning Classes**  
(818) 548-3782

**Doctor's House**  
(323) 251-9697

**Japanese Tea House**  
(818) 548-2752

**Wedding Reservations**  
(818) 548-2184

**Photography Permits**  
(818) 548-2752



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Parks Department

# Brand Park & Studios

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Brand Studios

The Studios in Brand Park are available to the public for rentals on an hourly basis. Special events such as birthday parties, art workshops, small conferences or group meetings, lectures and film screenings are especially well-suited to this naturalistic setting. To inquire about availability and rates, please call the Brand Studios at (818) 548-3782 or (818) 548-3813. Non-profit rates are available.

The Studios can be rented in the following configurations:

	Capacity	Square Feet		Capacity	Square Feet
Studio #1	40	720	Studios #1 & #2	100	1,734
Studio #2	60	1,014	Studio #2 and patio	90	1,584

Life-Long Learning Classes



Classes are offered through our life-long learning program for a fee for individuals of all ages. We offer classes in visual arts, such as watercolor, oil painting, life drawing and mixed media. We also offer classes in performing arts, such as ballet, tap and belly dance. Recreational classes include martial arts, yoga, and tai chi. All classes are advertised in our City's *Leisure Guide* which you can download from the City's website at [www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us](http://www.parks.ci.glendale.ca.us).



Brand Park

This beautiful 31-acre park nestled at the base of the Verdugo mountains has hiking and biking trails, a Japanese garden, and a baseball / softball field. In addition, we have picnic areas which provide a relaxing setting for an afternoon outing. There is a playground and a wading pool that is operated in the summer season. Brand Park is also home to the Miss American Green Cross statue, a monument to the environmental movement. While hiking, look for the Brand Family Cemetery marked by a pyramid where the family is buried along with their dogs, at Mr. Brand's request.

Japanese Tea House

Given the name "Shoseian" or "Whispering Pine Teahouse," this traditional tea house was built in 1974 through combined efforts of the Sister Cities of Glendale and Higashi-Osaka, Japan. The garden and koi pond are open to the public daily. For information, call (818) 548-2752



Doctor's House

Built in 1888 at 921 E. Wilson Avenue, the Victorian house was restored and relocated to Brand Park in 1979. Tours of the interior are offered every Sunday from 2:00 - 4:00pm by docents of the Glendale Historical Society. For information, call (323) 251-9697



Wedding Reservations

The Japanese Friendship Garden and Gazebo are very popular locations for weddings, receptions and bridal photo sessions. Call the Customer Service Office at (818) 548-2184 to inquire about reservation information.

Reservations Include:

- 100 white, plastic, padded chairs
- One hour site meeting with host

Fees: \$120/hour plus a \$100 conditionally refundable deposit

Note: There may be a minimum number of hours required pending the size and scope of the event.

Photography Permits

Photography permits are available through the Brand Park Studios. Fees are as follows:

**Brand Friendship Garden & Gazebo**

Fee: \$235 for a 2 hr permit

Reservation includes exclusive use of the entire garden area including the outside of the Doctor's House.

**Brand Library/Park Entrance**

Fee: \$30 for a 1/2 hr permit

Reservation includes access to the park entrance of the Brand Library during non-operating hours.

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