

HANNAH FRANK – A GLASGOW ARTIST – DRAWINGS AND SCULPTURE.
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Westacres resident Hannah Frank, who was born in 1908, is well known as an artist within the Glasgow Jewish Community, having provided logos and illustrations for many Jewish institutions throughout the years. She studied at Glasgow University and the Glasgow School of Art, and her distinctive black and white drawings, and her later bronze sculptures, have also featured in many Royal Glasgow Institute of the Fine Arts shows.

But no-one knew about the fine self-portraits, the sensitive sketches of her younger brothers, and the colour illustrations for the Glasgow student magazine 'Ygorra' until Susan Ashworth, collections manager of Lancaster City Museums, visited the loft in Westacres with Hannah's niece Fiona Frank in late 2003, and looked in an old suitcase which had lain unopened there since Hannah arrived at the Home with her husband, Lionel Levy, in 2002.

Susan included much of this 'new' material - mostly dating from the early 1920s and '30s - in an exhibition of Hannah's work, which opened in Lancaster this spring and will be touring throughout the UK up to Hannah's centenary in 2008. And Fiona has included it, alongside the sculptures and drawings, and a few charming sketches from Hannah's early diaries (also rescued from Westacres' loft!), in the second, expanded, edition of the book of Hannah's collected works, which is published by the Scottish Jewish Archives Centre on 1st September.

The 208 page book retails at £21.50, and you can pick up a copy at Ottakars at Newton Mearns, among other outlets - or from Amazon UK.

For more information on Hannah Frank, and to see what others of her prints and cards are available for sale, see the website <http://www.hannahfrank.org.uk>.