

# Harold Ward ●●



Harold Ward, a descendent of telegraph inventor, Samuel Morse, was born Brooklyn in 1889. Harold Morse Ward had a gift for painting and a drive to spread the benefit of an art-enriched life wherever he went. A graduate of the Pratt Institute, Ward studied in Paris before moving west, all the way to Colusa, CA, where he taught high school art for many years.

Harold was not finished sharing his passion for art when he moved to Sacramento. In

1923 he established the Art Department at what was then called Sacramento Junior College (Sacramento City College) and served many years as its Chair. He founded Northern California Arts, Inc. (NCA) in 1939, whose members continue to include nationally and internationally acclaimed artists from the Sacramento region. NCA stands as one of the oldest and largest art groups in Sacramento celebrating their 75th Anniversary this year. Upon his retirement from Sacramento Junior College in 1949, Harold went on to pen and illustrate a book titled *A Thing Called Art*.

Harold Ward stands as an example of all the artists in this exhibit. Individually and collectively, they demonstrate the importance of leadership, courage, and the willingness to step outside of the studio, to be relevant in their time, and to be part of art's rich history.