

Creative Living Art Classes

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Art Classes inspired by the belief that people with dementia continue to learn and express themselves creatively regardless of memory barriers.



The Creative Living Arts Program is founded by Kathy Schuler who is certified by the National Center for Creative Aging on how to plan, implement, and evaluate arts programming for older populations. She is a member of the Practice and Progress Partner Group of the New York Museum of Modern Art (MoMA) receiving training in making art accessible to people with dementia. She holds a Masters in Human Resource Management from National Lewis University, Chicago, and a Bachelors in Art Education from the University of Wisconsin.

Adaptable Classes

Tailored for levels of dementia

Our two-part class is first a discussion of a famous artist's life and work followed by an art project. This method allows a person with dementia the opportunity to:

- Recover personal experiences and long-term memories
- Engage in intellectual stimulation
- Experience an activity that stimulates learning and social interaction



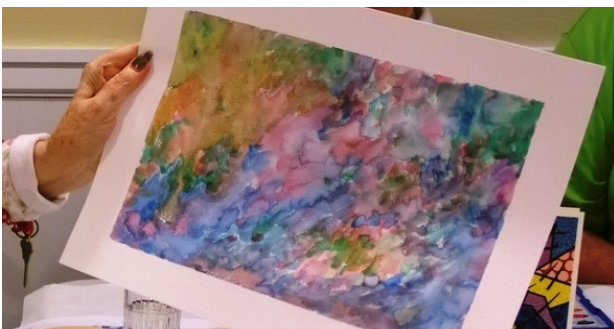
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Testimonials

"Kathy's program is based around the Museum of Modern Art's successful



education program. Each class begins with an introductory discussion

about a famous artist and their work.

Kathy engages the residents in a manner that elicits their personal observations about the art work.

The class discussion is followed by an art project. Each resident creates an art work

reflecting the subject matter and receives guidance to create a picture or project that stimulates their thinking.

The teaching technique results in a release of an emotion or memory of a person, place or time...Kathy stated the focus of her teaching is on the process verses the end product but these drawings by residents are enchantingly beautiful."

—Life Care Center of Kirkland

"The resulting artwork that the residents have produced is often quite evocative and beautiful."

"...Twice a month we are lucky enough to have the very gifted art teacher Kathy Schuler pay our residents a visit to guide them through the world of art appreciation and creation. Typically we begin with a lecture that focuses on several classic works of art such as Van Gogh's Starry Night... After a thorough discussion of the pieces along with the emotions that they elicit, our residents are given the opportunity to try their hand at creating their own personal masterpiece. Meet Me at

MoMA is something that really draws our residents out and provides them with an opportunity to express themselves in a way that transcends words. The use of color

and differing mediums gives them a chance



to reveal the emotions and feelings that they carry inside of themselves. The resulting artwork that the residents have produced is of-

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