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memories in the making



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Creative expression is essential to the human experience and that need is not lost in a person living with Alzheimer's or another dementia. When language is affected, art often becomes a more accessible form of expression.

Memories in the Making, one of Alzheimer's Los Angeles' arts4ALZ programs uses the process of creating art to fulfill the participant's desire to communicate, particularly when speech is affected. Imagine wanting to express yourself, but being unable to retrieve the words needed to do so. Without a place to attempt communication, an individual living with dementia quickly learns to withdraw. *Memories in the Making* offers this place, allowing self-expression under the guidance of an art facilitator trained by Alzheimer's LA. The artwork reveals personal expressions and insights into the individual's past. Participants often paint memories from long ago, images that represent their passions and hobbies, or sometimes a window into their current world. The art becomes a catalyst for conversation and enhances a participant's ability to remain connected to the world around them and to maintain relationships with loved ones.

Memories in the Making is seeking program volunteers and new locations for classes. Training is provided at various times and locations throughout the year. For further information, please contact Anne Oh 323.930.6271 or aoh@alzla.org.



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Allan – Anchor Line On Boat
Silverado Beverly Place

Allan grew up in Southern California. He has two dogs, Molly and Charlotte. For years he was a member of the U.S. Coastguard Auxiliary and enjoyed recreational sailing.

Anonymous – Fire Engine

Alzheimer's Los Angeles

"We were enveloped in flames this summer in Southern California. It was scary."

Memories in the Making artist was born in Florin, California. Artist is a retired electrical engineer and enjoys woodworking, modern art, photography, and birdwatching.



Antoinette – Untitled

Evergreen Retirement Residence

Antoinette recited famous Shakespeare quotes as she painted this piece. She used a flower centerpiece as her inspiration. Antoinette shared with the group that her daughter is a talented artist and creates murals.

Betty M. – Butterfly

The Kensington Sierra Madre

Betty was born in Jefferson, Wisconsin. She is a retired elementary school teacher. Her hobbies include painting, calligraphy, and gardening. Betty loves to be of service to others and is devoted to her husband and family.





Diane – A New Beginning

Citrus Gardens Memory Care

Diane used a picture to replicate this piece. When the *Memories in the Making* facilitator asked her what her artwork meant Diane said, “A New Beginning”.

Dotty S. – Many Flowers

The Commons at Woodland Hills



Edith G. – Untitled

The Kensington Sierra Madre

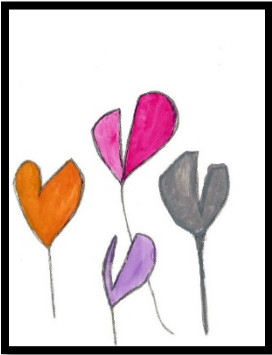
Edith was born in Brooklyn, New York. She graduated from Brooklyn College in 1942 and became a real estate broker. Edith's favorite quote is “it's like déjà vu all over again”.

Ferne P. – Galaxy

The Kensington Sierra Madre

Ferne was born in Long Island, New York. Ferne's family describes her as a fun-loving homemaker and wife who leads a beautiful life. Her favorite hobbies include cooking, gardening, volunteering, writing, traveling, and swimming. Ferne's favorite quote is “it's a wonderful world”.





Hattie N. – *Untitled and Untitled*

Alzheimer's Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley)

Hattie was born in El Centro, California. Her hobbies include doing art and traveling. "France and Spain were my two favorite places I travelled to with my husband".



Howard W. – *The Lighthouse*

Claremont Place

Howard was born in Washington D.C. He taught intermediate grades.





Jean B. – *At the Beach and September in Fall*

Silverado Beverly Place

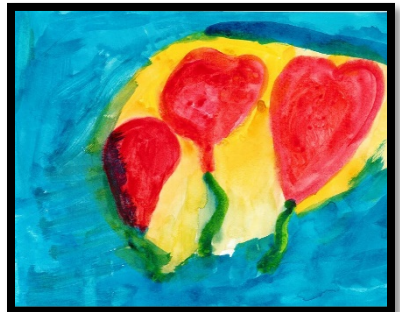
Jean is originally from Texas. She moved to California to be closer to her children. Jean is a retired English teacher and loves children. She spends most of her days taking care of her dog “Little Miss Kitty” and doing art.



Julie C. – *Untitled*

CAPS Adult Day Care

Julie was born and raised in Pasadena, California. Her profession was a Print Manager and one of her biggest accomplishments is she worked at Jet Propulsion Laboratory for 30 years. Julie enjoys gardening, sewing, making kids' Halloween costumes, and cooking. Her favorite quote is “Just because!”





Lenore M. – *Untitled and Untitled*

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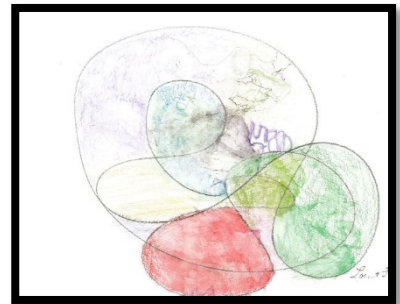
Lenore was born in Arcadia, California and was a teacher. She has three sons and plenty of grandchildren. Lenore enjoys playing with children and socializing with her peers. Her favorite quote is "look outside yourself to make people happy."

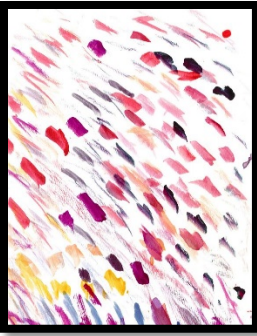


Lois – *Confusion or Many Thoughts and A Map of Countries*

Lois was born in Litchfield, Minnesota and was married in Minneapolis before resettling in Los Angeles. Her daughter recalls the effort she put into providing a warm and welcoming home, as well as her creative activities like crewel, embroidery, needlepoint, and knitting.

Lois commented on her first painting, "The birds. The wind blows fiercely and so does everyone when we are early to laugh and smile a bit when everyone joins. God blesses day after day."





Lorena R. – Piquetes “Pokes”
Compton Adult Day Health Care
Lorena is described as a loving mother and a great cook.

Mae M. – Mud Houses

Senior Concerns Adult Day Care Center
“People a long time ago would build mud houses by using natural materials.” – Mae

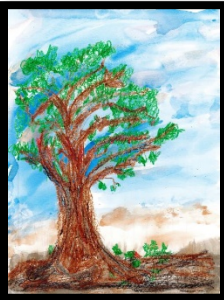
Mae was born in Canada. She was a nursing aid. Mae enjoys all creative activities including painting, arts and crafts, reading, and music.



Margaret F. – Golden Poppies and Topanga Fire

Alzheimer’s Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley)

Margaret commented on her first painting, “Last year I planted golden poppies in front of my house. It rained and a whole strip came about. They don’t last long, but they are still beautiful when they are in bloom.”



Margaret was born in Cleveland, Ohio. She obtained her Master’s degree in spirituality and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Margaret is also a member of the Sisters of St. Louis. She enjoys reading.



Maria O. – Una Historia Familiar
AltaMed PACE – East Los Angeles

“A los 11 años mi papa trabajaba en la sierra donde tiraba la vía del tren y vivíamos en una cabaña. Fuimos 7 de familia. Teníamos columpios, mis padres me enseñaron las primeras letras. No había luz, electricidad solo herramientas. No teníamos nada solo muchas flores y hermoso columpios.”

Translation: “At age 11, my father worked in the mountains where it connected to the train tracks and we lived in a cabin. We were a family of seven. We had swings; my parents taught me the first letters. There was no electricity. We only had tools. We did not have much just many flowers and beautiful swings.”

Maye T. – Just A Picture of Flowers

North Lake Villas

Maye grew up on a hop farm in Wapato, WA. She is one of six children and a second generation Japanese American. During WWII, her entire family was interred in the Heart Mountain detention camp. After the war Maye relocated to Chicago, IL, where she met her husband. She is a loving wife, mother and grandmother. Her daughter describes her as caring and patient mannered which made her an adored friend and favorite relative in the family.





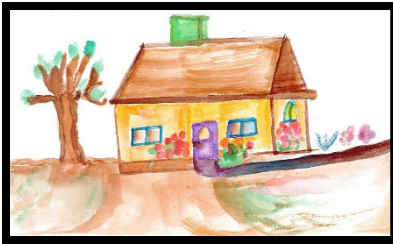
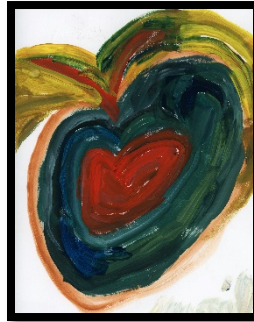
Min Hyea R. – *Untitled*

Somang Society

Min Hyea was born in South Korea. She is described as a loving mother.

Muriel S. – *Untitled*

Claremont Place



Patricia R. – *Untitled*

Citrus Gardens

Pat painted a picture of her parent's house where she grew up when she was young. She narrated the following as she created her art piece, "My mom was a flower magician. She was a great gardener. My mom and dad would have liked my painting."

Pat was a beautician for many years. Then she became a truck driver and drove all over the country with her husband and two dogs.



Rena S. – A Make Believe Tree
Alzheimer's Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley)

Rena is a Los Angeles native. She is a retired Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Rena enjoys knitting and doing needlepoint.

Richard M. – Summer Fun and Something To Look At
Alzheimer's Los Angeles

Richard commented on his first painting, "I quit drinking beer when I was fourteen. This is juice. I like juice."

Richard commented on his second painting, "People can look at this and figure out what it is."

Richard was born and raised in Washington. He obtained a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from University of Washington. Richard served 42 years in the US Navy and designed many projects during his service. He loves all sports and grew up playing baseball and football.





**Sally B. – *Untitled and Untitled*
Alzheimer's Los Angeles (San
Fernando Valley)**

Sally was born in Canada. Her hobbies include baking, cooking, crocheting, and knitting.



**Sally K. – *Happy and Jack*
The Commons at Woodland Hills**

Sally was born in Southern California. She was a famous entertainer and received many awards and nominations from her acting and singing career.





Steve B. – *Untitled*

CAPS Adult Day Care

Steve was born in Soperton, Georgia. He was a dedicated custodian for the school district for thirty years. His hobbies include reading the Bible and doing puzzles.

Susan L. – *Untitled*

Alzheimer's Los Angeles (San Fernando Valley)

Susan was born in San Diego and she got her Master's degree in Education. She taught elementary school and tutored for over 20 years. She has been married to her husband for almost 42 years and they have four children. Susan enjoys spending her time crafting, volunteering at the local animal shelter, painting, working on art projects, and spending time with her family.





Victor – Hot Air Balloons and The Face
Senior Concerns Adult Day Care Center

“Hot air balloons in the sky floating in the beautiful mountains.” – Victor

“Happy sunny face with a smile and a lovely eye and nose. Sweet lips giving a smile.” – Victor

Born in Ukraine, Victor was an air traffic controller for the military and a development engineer for Rocketdyne. Victor enjoys sailing, building things, and being outdoors.



Wanda C. – Waiting For Susan
Paloma Pointe on the Boulevard

As Wanda painted her masterpiece she reminisced, “Jake was always a nice guy when I knew him. I don’t know what happened, he just disappeared one day. I don’t know if he joined the army or not. I met him at the park. He’s hollering “help” because he’s stuck, and somebody stole his motorcycle. I think Jake likes Susan a lot but she’s not too crazy about him. She thinks he looks like a nerd. Susan is a friend of mine.”





Yvonne L. – *Running Hot and Cold*

Silverado Beverly Place

Yvonne is a lifelong teacher, painter, poet, and free spirit. She enjoys all activities, including painting, writer's club, dancing, cooking club, and *Memories in the Making*.

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Until there's a cure, Alzheimer's Los Angeles will provide the care.

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