



# Senior Artisan Show

Welcome

## Artist's Statements

### Show Dates

Grand Opening:

Sunday, March 10 from 1 to 3:30pm

Sunday, March 17 from 1 to 3:30pm

Wednesday, March 20 from 11am to 2pm

Virtual show March 11—22 [gcco.org/art](http://gcco.org/art)

### Location

Fairborn Art Association Gallery  
(rear of Fairborn Senior Housing),  
221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, OH.



## Patricia M Acker

**Age:** 72

**Community of Residence:** Xenia, OH      **Birthplace:** Washington DC

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 60+

**How did you get started?** I have loved art as a child. Self-taught, some college courses in art therapy

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** 5/3 Bank Gallery, Dayton Main St; Edison State Collage; St Leonards Gallery; Beavercreek Senior Center Gallery

**Mediums you are or have worked with** Oil, acrylic, crayons, watercolor, pastels, oil pastels, pencil, charcoal, Pen & ink wash, duct tape, multimedia, 3D, oil on mirrors

**What is the subject matter of your art?** People, animals, scenery, ocean, spirituality

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Art centers me. I also write books and use my art as illustrations for my books. Art is my expression of who I am

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Hope, love, faith and feelings

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Seniors have emotional experiences that can be shared with their art

## Sharon Benedict

**Age:** 73

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Dayton, Ohio

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** Lifetime

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Oil, pen & ink drawing, pencil, acrylic, printmaker

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Springfield Museum of Art, Dayton Society of Artists

**How did you get started?** My mother was an art teacher.

**Formal or other “education”:** BFA from Wright State University & MFA from Miami

**What inspires you?** Nature, people

**What is a favorite “artistic” moment?** Having a painting in mind and doing it; just going to the canvas and making it happen.

**Words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations or haven’t explored the artist inside:**  
Be brave and let it out!

**Warren K Brown**

**Age:** 81

**Community of Residence:** Fairborn      **Birthplace:** Lexington, KY

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 50+

**How did you get started?** Photography & Fairborn Art Association

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
Fairborn Art Association Gallery

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Primarily photography & a touch of all others including wood carving and clay

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Whatever stirs me—no special subjects.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** To stimulate the mind

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Whatever the viewer sees

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Let it happen—try it all-no bad work—all has value to someone

**William (Bill) Brumma**

**Age:** 92

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Canton, OH

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 80 some?

**How did you get started?** Father did woodworking

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
Tiffany’s Xenia, Artisan Show

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Wood; enjoy the beauty in different woods

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Enjoy making useful items: tables, bread knives, boxes, jewelry boxes, canes

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Seeing people appreciate a useful item; tomorrow’s antiques

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Bring your work out for others to enjoy

### Lucille Burns

**Age:** 85

**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek      **Birthplace:** New York, NY

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** Since I retired

**How did you get started?** I started doing decorative art in acrylic. My instructor knew I loved watercolor and she got me started.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
Fairborn; Canton, OH

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** I started in acrylic decorative painting, then watercolor and also batik—pen & ink on ricepaper

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Scenery from my photos, and still life.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I paint what I enjoy—what I see in nature & the world around me.

### Kim Ceccarelli

**Age:** 66

**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek Township      **Birthplace:** Rochester, PA

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 15

**How did you get started?** I was always drawing as a child. I wanted to be an artist when I grew up, but due to certain circumstances, I studied nursing in college.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes. Middleton Arts Center, Miamisburg Art Gallery, Springfield Museum of Art, Zanesville Museum, Canton Museum, High Street Gallery, The Contemporary—Dayton, and in Columbus, Cincinnati, Washington D.C. and Virginia.

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** I work with oils & pastels. I love the vibrant colors of both mediums, and I enjoy being in the moment when I paint.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** My artwork starts from direct observation and I paint from life. I enjoy traveling to paint en plein air.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I study the interplay of color, shape, and light as I try to bring the viewer into the scene I am creating. Art can be very therapeutic and I hope to convey a sense of well-being, hope, and peace.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I use my previous experiences as a registered nurse as inspiration to convey my appreciation of life and never-ending gratitude to God for all of His blessings.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Experiment to find what you like to do; then do it!

**Carol Collett**

**Age:** 78

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Cincinnati

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** At least 30

**How did you get started?** Took a class at Fairborn Art Assn

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
FAA Gallery—WOWS shows

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Watercolors—I love the many surprises watercolor offers—you never know what effect you will get.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Landscapes —wildlife-lately I have been incorporating people into my paintings

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I like to take photos with the thought of maybe making a painting from it *someday!* I have *lots* of old photos to work from.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Can get inspiration from just about anything

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Give it a try—you just might be surprised

**Teresa Cox**

**Age:** 66

**Community of Residence:** Fairborn      **Birthplace:** Xenia

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 1-1/2 years

**How did you get started?** Retired and started taking art classes at WSU

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** No

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Birchwood boards, woodcarving tools, ink & manual press

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Richard P Eastman Covered Bridge, Hyde Rd, Yellow Springs; parrot

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I took a printmaking class and found it exciting

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I finally had time to pursue my interests

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Try it! Gives you a great feeling of accomplishment and pride.

## Jennifer Eddy

**Age:** 67

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Columbus, OH

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 48

**How did you get started?** I’ve always loved art so I went to college to be a graphic designer. I was a technical illustrator/graphic designer for 36 years—now I do art for the fun of it?

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes, various venues

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Pen & Ink & watercolor. They combine my technical drawing talent with my love for painting

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Usually nature or architecture — always a subject I can relate to.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** After 36 years of business and computer graphics, it’s good to get back to the basics of art.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I’m inspired by wonderful artists and I aspire to be one myself!

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**

Go for it!

## Susan Finster

**Age:** 62

**Community of Residence:** Yellow Springs      **Birthplace:** Mt Prospect, IL

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 56

**How did you get started?** I have always been a maker. Probably one of the first things I made was a Grandfather Clock (Capt. Kangaroo) using a cereal box and a paper plate.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
Here, Yellow Springs Open Studios, Yellow Springs Brewery, Clifton Crafhouse Co-op

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Paper, wood, cloth, cake frosting....but currently mainly clay

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Sometimes abstract, sometimes nature

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I like creating something that is functional as well as decorative.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** No big messages here. It gives me pleasure to make it, and I hope it gives the user pleasure.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**

It’s never too late to start — I started pottery at age 45. It doesn’t need to be perfect.

## Mary Gale

Age: 76

Community of Residence: Fairborn Birthplace: Berwyn, IL

Years expressing yourself through your art: 1

How did you get started? I purchased a tub of acrylic paint at a garage sale a while ago and finally decide to use them. My son gave me some canvases so all I needed was some brushes. That was January 2023 and I’m having a ball!

Have you ever shown your work before No

Mediums you are or have worked with: I have only painted using acrylic. I have found this works for me as it dries quickly. My dining room table is my art work area so I need to clean up and put away when I am through painting for the day.

What is the subject matter of your art? I mostly do still life or paint from photographs I have taken.

Why do you make this kind of art? I am just a beginner so I feel most comfortable with a picture of something rather than use my imagination. I hope with time I am able to have more confidence in trying some new things.

What inspires you? What is your message? I do it for fun and relaxation. I needed something to do during the cold months since I can’t be out in my garden.

Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations? If you’ve ever wondered how you’d do, just give it a try! What have you got to lose?

## Douglas Goetz

Age: 70

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: NYC

Years expressing yourself through your art: 1

How did you get started? I am a novice at this. If I can envision an environment, I will try to photograph it. Some pictures just create themselves. This is a perfect example of being at the right place at the right time

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes Here, last year

Mediums you are or have worked with: I have no artistic skills for drawing or painting, and my photographic skills are rudimentary at best. But I try!

What is the subject matter of your art? I have found scenery to be my best option—mountains, lakes, forests

Why do you make this kind of art? Again, I was at the right place at the right time.

What inspires you? What is your message? Put simply—the beauty of God’s Nature

Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?

Not every picture will be a masterpiece, but every once in a while—you capture beauty!

### Kathryn D. Goetz

<b>Age:</b>	71	<b>Birthplace:</b>	New York City
<b>Community of Residence:</b>	Beavercreek		
<b>Years expressing yourself through your art:</b>	A long time		
<b>Mediums you are or have worked with:</b>	Pencil, color pencil, watercolor		
<b>Have you ever shown your work before and where?</b>	Yes GCCOA Senior Artisan Shows		
<b>How did you get started?</b>	In school		
<b>What inspires you?</b>	Various		

### Janet Huntsman

<b>Age:</b>	73	<b>Birthplace:</b>	Massillon
<b>Community of Residence:</b>	Beavercreek		
<b>Years expressing yourself through your art:</b>	Since childhood		
<b>How did you get started?</b>	I have always been drawing since I can remember.		
<b>Have you ever shown your work before and where?</b>	Yes; In grade school, high school, at Greene Memorial Hospital and Greene County Senior Art shows		
<b>Mediums you are or have worked with:</b>	Pencil, charcoal, ink, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, clay, etc. I like to try different mediums.		
<b>What is the subject matter of your art?</b>	A variety of subjects; like to do portraits		
<b>Why do you make this kind of art?</b>	Portraits reflect character; I like to draw portraits with character		
<b>What inspires you? What is your message?</b>	Subjects, as portraits, inspire me and I enjoy trying to draw them.		
<b>Words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations or haven’t explored the artist inside:</b>			

As seniors, now it the best time to do the art that you never had the time to do before.



## Debora Hurst

Age: 74  
Community of Residence: Xenia Birthplace: Xenia

Years expressing yourself through your art: Lifetime

How did you get started? Drawing dogs and horses at grade school age; about 5-10 years old. Father, an amateur photographer, gave me a camera at about 8 years old, and I have taken thousands of photos.

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes  
AAVAG, DSA, FAA, WOWS, Edward Dixon Gallery, Dayton Metro Libraries

Mediums you are or have worked with: I enjoy the challenge and flexibility of watercolor; taking photos is a natural process, since I started so young.

What is the subject matter of your art? Beauty, happiness, calmness, etc in landscapes, waterworks, buildings, historical references, flowers

Why do you make this kind of art? To let the creative person side of me express itself, releasing tensions, creating a balanced individual, since I tend to be very analytical

What inspires you? What is your message? Capturing beauty to hold till next time you view it.

Words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations or haven't explored the artist inside: Just start. It gets easier and becomes fun.

## Holly Knight

Age: 76  
Community of Residence: Xenia Birthplace: Dayton

Years expressing yourself through your art: 25+

How did you get started? My father was a successful professional watercolorist and graphic designer. I spent a lot of time in his studio. I earned an undergraduate degree in art and a graduate degree in journalism, which led to a career as a writer, editor and publisher, which nearly always included art and design.

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes  
Bergamo Gallery, Yellow Springs Arts Council Gallery, Fairborn Art Association. For many years I sold a line of notecards featuring my drawings in Toledo and Ann Arbor

Mediums you are or have worked with: Wood, woodcarving, pen and colored pencil drawings, photo illustration. I love radiance in art. Both pen and colored pencil drawings and photo illustration allow me to create those effects.

**What is the subject matter of your art?**

The natural world: landscapes, woodland, streams. I am currently working on a series I call "Greene County Gems" — photo illustrations from Greene County parks. I also like simple vignettes of daily life.

**Why do you make this kind of art?**

The natural world calls me to who I really am, allows me to experience life through my heart and soul, unadorned, without the self-conscious trappings of our social-cultural wiring. Wild nature allows me to just be and not do.

**What inspires you? What is your message?**

The beauty of wild nature and of the ordinary in daily life. I try to capture the spiritual radiance and emotional experience of beauty with color and by setting evocative moods. I want my work to speak to the hear and reach people from within.

**Words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations or haven't explored the artist inside:**

I think art is an unspoken medium of self-expression. It reveals us. Sharing is a way of welcoming others into our lives, into our deeper selves.

## Matt Lammi

**Community of Residence:**

**Age:**

74

Xenia

**Birthplace:**

Columbus

**Years expressing yourself through your art:**

About 55 years as amateur hobbyist photographer

**How did you get started?**

Started when I attended Ohio University. It gave me a creative outlet from the engineering/business curriculum I was studying.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?**

Yes

Past Senior Artisan shows, local photo contests

**Mediums you are or have worked with:**

Photography, started with film then made the switch to digital. I feel digital is easier to work with and less expensive than film is today.

**What is the subject matter of your art?**

I try to be open to all areas of photography. Learning new techniques and methods is essential in any form of art. Improvement is the goal.

**Why do you make this kind of art?**

I enjoy it. Photography has no limits. It can be whatever you want it to be: portrait, landscape, abstract, macro, place, thing, etc, all frozen in time with the click of a shutter.

**What inspires you? What is your message?**

Photography teaches me to slow down and look at the beauty all around us that we normally overlook.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**

Your age is not a limitation of learning an art skill. Think of something you have always wanted to try, photography, painting, drawing, clay, etc, and just try it out. Who knows—you might be good at it, you might not, but you'll definitely have some fun!

## Michael E. Mt. Castle

**Age:** 81  
**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek **Birthplace:** Lewisburg, OH  
**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 18  
**How did you get started?** Girl friend got me inspired  
**Have you ever shown your work before** Yes  
**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Oils & acrylic. Acrylic is easier, it dries fast & is more forgivable  
**What is the subject matter of your art?** Ship picture from Hershey’s tin  
**Why do you make this kind of art?** Different than anything I’ve ever done before  
**What inspires you? What is your message?** Variety, spice of life, anything different  
**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
 Be creative. Stay Busy. Live in peace with mind & hands

## Ray Mueller

**Age:** 77  
**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek, OH **Birthplace:** Long Island, NY  
**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 30  
**How did you get started?** Adult Education photography class  
**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
 Several displays all over Dayton  
**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Photography—best expresses my thoughts & feelings  
**What is the subject matter of your art?** Principally wildlife, landscapes, flowers  
**Why do you make this kind of art?** I enjoy being outdoors  
**What inspires you? What is your message?** The outdoors. In love with nature. The beauty of creation.  
**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
 Give it a try.

### Linda Perry

**Age:** 76

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Xenia

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 20

**How did you get started?** Took a class with my sister, located near Xenia

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
Miamisburg Art Gallery

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Watercolor—love the look & ease of painting; Acrylic—bold colors; Pastels—love the results

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Animals—cats/dogs—landscapes—buildings

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Just fun for me to try different themes.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I just love painting & the satisfaction I get from doing it.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?** If I can do it — you can too. Practice!

### Diane R. Phillips

**Age:** 84

**Community of Residence:** Beaver creek, OH

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** Several Years

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Acrylic

**Have you ever shown your work before** Yes

**How did you get started?** Painting class at the Beaver creek Senior Center

**Formal or other “education”:** Just the class at the Center

## Dezna Pitts

**Age:** 69

**Community of Residence:** Yellow Springs      **Birthplace:** Xenia

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 5—I am self-taught

**How did you get started?** My sister gave me basic art supplies for Christmas 2018. In May 2019, I saw a man painting a foxglove or a snapdragon flower on YouTube and I said to myself I can paint it too.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** I have only given or sold paintings to family and friends.

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** I use acrylic paint. It’s easy to cover up mistakes. I sometimes use mixed media to enhance a painting.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** My art is various, e.g., scenic, animals, abstract, cars, people, etc.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I use painting as a form of art therapy and pleasure.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I love watching people’s reaction as they see their painting for the first time. They always smile and a few times cry.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?** You never know if you have a hidden talent. Pick up a brush & try.

## Lisa Quesne

**Age:** 68

**Community of Residence:** Xenia      **Birthplace:** Peterborough, England

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 20+ arts and crafts

**How did you get started?** My mother was an artist, my father musically inclined. My sister & I enjoy watercolors. My spouse, also an artist, inspires me.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes, at the Senior Artisan show

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Watercolor is my love but I always strive never “arriving” at the elusive, misty, mysterious goal.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** I love landscapes, especially English countryside. Trying my hand at close-up plants and birds now.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Love the potential of watercolor to evoke emotion. Helps me focus on beauty. De-stresses.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Endless natural beauty. I want to say “value all these things: they can be lost—to climate change, war and all manner of human negligence.

### Christine Quick

**Age:** 91

**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek      **Birthplace:** Germany

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 39

**How did you get started?** I wanted to paint

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Watercolors, pastels, charcoal, pen & ink, pencil

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Pictures, photos

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Varieties & beauty of life

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Beauty of Mother Nature, color & form of bug flowers & butterflies

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Do all things possible to enjoy life & stay busy

### Beth Rice

**Age:** 72

**Community of Residence:** Xenia, Wright Place      **Birthplace:** Perrysburg

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** Total 12 years split

**How did you get started?** I started at age 16 sketching animal faces and flowers. When I got married, I stopped. After children were grown I started painting rock then canvas.

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** I had a private sale where I live.

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Originally I pencil sketched. I loved visiting the Art Museum. That inspired me to paint. Starting small with a rock group and sharing. Now I paint canvas with acrylics.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** My favorites are landscape/seascape/flowers/butterflies.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** Painting gives happiness and allows me to express myself with the beauty of art. It is very calming in times of stress. I love the feeling.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** Nature inspires me! I feel a deep connection when I paint.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
You can create if you take the step. All my senior class thought they couldn't do it. My oldest is 96 years. She loves her finished painting.

## Jean Scaggs

**Age:** 67

**Community of Residence:** Caesars Creek Twp      **Birthplace:** Xenia, OH

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** Over 60 years

**How did you get started?** My maternal grandmother—drawing then sewing

**Have you ever shown your work before? and where?** Yes  
Bellbrook, First Friday for Artists

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Photography, Drawing, Painting, Sewing

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Nature, animals

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I enjoy designing & making animals, mostly birds

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I get inspiration from nature.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
It's never too late.

## Sue Seitz

**Age:** 63

**Community of Residence:** Beaver creek      **Birthplace:** Xenia, OH

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 58 years

**How did you get started?** By looking at books with beautiful illustrations.

**Have you ever shown your work before?** Yes

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Watercolor, colored pencil, acrylics. I enjoy the experience of what I achieved with all of them.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Animals, children, flowers, barns. Anything that is interesting to me.

**Why do you make this kind of art?** I like to express myself through the things that I see in my life, so other people can see them too.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** The beautiful things that are around me. To express myself. That life is beautiful!

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Just get started and you will find the artist inside yourself.

## Barbara J Singerman

**Age:** 64

**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek      **Birthplace:** Illinois

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 10 years

**How did you get started?** I needed drawings for a literary book I was creating in Benin, for the Fongbe language. Since there weren't any artists I prayed that God would help me draw them and He did!

**Have you ever shown your work before and where?** Yes  
FAA

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Graphite pencil, Faber-Castel Polychromos and am dabbling in watercolor.

**What is the subject matter of your art?** I am greatly intrigued by the animals and people I've photographed in Africa

**Why do you make this kind of art?** After spending most of my life enjoying an amazing amount of God-given creativity, I decided I wanted to learn to draw the African people the way I perceived their faces which reflect the struggles, pain, joy and perseverance of their lives.

**What inspires you? What is your message?** I am awed and filled with wonder by the minuscule details God poured into creation. Message? God's grandeur and attention to the smallest details in nature and our lives.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**  
Don't hide the skills God has given you. Share them! Your abilities will inspire others.

## Pamela Sowder

**Age:** 77

**Community of Residence:** Beavercreek      **Birthplace:** Pike County, KY

**Years expressing yourself through your art:** 60+

**How did you get started?** In the 4th grade of elementary school, I won an "Art" contest sponsored by the local business community and the school with a Halloween-themed picture.

**Have you ever shown your work before?** That Art contest, and the GCCOA show

**Mediums you are or have worked with:** Most recently, watercolor (palette & pencils); acrylic; "Sealer" medium

**What is the subject matter of your art?** Landscapes, natural elements, still life, flowers, fruit, vases, statuary, greeting cards, crafts

**Why do you make this kind of art? What inspires you?** Just like seeing "objects" in clouds, there are lots of "images"



imagined in looking at landscapes’ elements. Once the artist decides on what to do in a painting, the landscape elements just “happen” as one works. You step back and see all kinds of things, even some you were not even trying for, and that brings even more ideas. The anti-stress of creating; the calming, satisfying feelings emerge, and then the joy you feel for what you’ve done bring exhilaration and the beauty of life’s high moments.

**Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?**

It’s therapeutic! Between the challenges of creating and the joy of sharing it, there is a tremendous return of happiness, peace, calm and validation.

## Connie Weber

<b>Age:</b>	83	<b>Birthplace:</b>	Dexter, IA
<b>Community of Residence:</b>	Beavercreek		
<b>Years expressing yourself through your art:</b>	50+		
<b>How did you get started?</b>	Started taking an art class locally through Adult Education		
<b>Have you ever shown your work before and where?</b>	Yes, FAA, GCCOA, Dayton		
<b>Mediums you are or have worked with:</b>	Oils & acrylics. I went to WSU & got a degree in Fine Art. We had to paint in oil paint. Previously, I had used acrylics.		
<b>What is the subject matter of your art?</b>	I like all different subject matter including non-objective art and abstract art.		
<b>Why do you make this kind of art?</b>	I do like to try different types of subjects along with different mediums that seem to fit best with what I am painting		
<b>What inspires you? What is your message?</b>	I like different kinds of art & I hope the message of my art makes someone happy		
<b>Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?</b>	Just give it a try—you’ve nothing to lose!		

# Thanks to all the artists

*You can't use up creativity.  
The more you use, the more you have.*

—Maya Angelou