

Welcome

2023 GREENE COUNTY

SENIOR ARTISAN SHOW

Sunday, March 12 from 1:00 to 3:30pm

Sunday, March 19 from 1:00 to 3:30pm

Wednesday, March 22 from 11:00am to 2:00pm

The Fairborn Art Association (rear of Fairborn Senior Housing),

221 North Central Avenue, Fairborn, Ohio

Virtual Show March 13—24 gcco.org/art

Artist Statements



ARTIST'S STATEMENTS

Patricia M Acker

Age: 71

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

Elizabeth Beecher

Age: 60+

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: PA

Years expressing yourself through your art: Lifetime, off and on

How did you get started? Doodling as a child

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes Southwest Ohio, Scottsdale Art School, Web: ebeecheffineart.com

Mediums you are or have worked with: Pencil, pastel, watercolor, acrylic, oil—Oil is my favorite—soft edges, saturation archival

What is the subject matter of your art? Landscape, still life

Why do you make this kind of art? Always had the 'art' urge—I'm most attracted to capturing the landscape

What inspires you? What is your message? Light & color. Love nature—I try to capture mood of a memory/moment

Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations? It is a creative and intellectual challenge—good for the soul!

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Sharon Benedict

Age: 72

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: 80

Community of Residence: Fairborn Birthplace: Lexington, KY

Years expressing yourself through your art: 50+

How did you get started? Took classes in photography & general art

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes
Fairborn Art Association Gallery, Sinclair CC

Mediums you are or have worked with: All except oil

What is the subject matter of your art? Sunset & flowers with butterflies & bees visiting photos

Why do you make this kind of art? Nature does a better job of creating the illusions

What inspires you? What is your message? The surprise of what results from the efforts. It's in the eye of the observer

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

Go for it — there are no mistakes — all efforts can be salvaged

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Lucille Burns

Age: 84

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: New York, NY

Years expressing yourself through your art: 23

How did you get started? At first I worked in acrylic—decorative art, and later began to do watercolor with my friend

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Fairborn; Warren OH; Massillon

Mediums you are or have worked with; I enjoy painting gourds into Santas and other things. I favor watercolor

What is the subject matter of your art? The still life is from a grouping I put together at home. The fountains are from the Fraise.

Why do you make this kind of art? The still life is a batik-watercolor pen & ink with wax resist-challenging! The Fraise fountains I enjoy. My grandkids love painting rocks in acrylic with me.

What inspires you? What is your message? There is art all around us, at home, in the garden to enjoy

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

Art is an expression of something you have seen and enjoyed—and you have an area of art to share with others even if you do not think so.

Carol Collett

Age: 77

Community of Residence: Xenia Birthplace: Cincinnati

Years expressing yourself through your art: 20+

How did you get started? Took a watercolor class

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Fairborn Art Assn. and Western Ohio Watercolor Society Shows

Mediums you are or have worked with; Watercolors, Acrylics, Wood carving

What is the subject matter of your art? Usually landscapes but anything that captures my interest

Why do you make this kind of art? The challenge & the companionship of other friendly painters

What inspires you? What is your message? I'm inspired by the works of others and the challenge to better my work.

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

Don't feel like you are not good enough to do something. You might surprise yourself.

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Billie Dickson

Age: 78
Community of Residence: Beavercreek **Birthplace:** Lebanon, OH

Years expressing yourself through your art: Since 1966

How did you get started? College class at Miami University, then Kettering Adult School

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes
 Several juried shows throughout the Miami Valley

Mediums you are or have worked with; I've tried several but *always* go back to my favorite: watercolor!

What is the subject matter of your art? Everything—abstract to portraits of pets & people to landscapes

Why do you make this kind of art? It brings me great peace & pleasure

What inspires you? What is your message? My art shares my view of the world around me

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

I have been showing my work since 1972. Every year I have grown and gotten better. Be proud of what you create now. Practice to improve. Enjoy the process.

Gene Fabricatore

Age: 85
Community of Residence: Yello **Birthplace:** Newark, NJ

Years expressing yourself through your art: About 70 years

How did you get started? A local artist, William Benkirt, gave lessons

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes
 Here in Fairborn and in NJ

Mediums you are or have worked with; Watercolor, oil, acrylics

What is the subject matter of your art? God's creations, pleasant memories of times in my life

Why do you make this kind of art? I enjoy nature and its peace

What inspires you? What is your message? The experience of expressing my thoughts on canvas

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

If you have never painted, take some art classes in different mediums. It could be fun!

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Susan Finster

Age: 60

Community of Residence: Yello

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
YS Open Studio, YS Brewery

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.

Douglas Goetz*No artist statement provided***Kathryn D. Goetz**

Age:

70

Community of Residence:

Beavercreek

Birthplace:

New York City

Years expressing yourself through your art:

Most of my life ~ on and off

Mediums you are or have worked with:

Pencil, color pencil, photography, crayons

Have you ever shown your work before and where?

Yes; GCCOA Senior Artisan Shows

How did you get started?

I was given a box of crayons when I was a child. I liked to draw with them. (I still do!)

What inspires you?

Wild life ~ especially birds and flowers. Family, friends and good books.

What is a favorite "artistic" moment?

Shared moments drawing with my mother, my son and my granddaughter.

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Janet Huntsman

Age: 72

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: Massillon

Years expressing yourself through your art: Since childhood

How did you get started? I have always been drawing since I can remember.

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes; In grade school, high school, at Greene Memorial Hospital and Greene County Senior Art shows

Mediums you are or have worked with: Pencil, charcoal, ink, pastels, watercolor, acrylic, clay, etc. I like to try different mediums.

What is the subject matter of your art? A variety of subjects; like to do portraits

Why do you make this kind of art? Portraits reflect character; I like to draw portraits with character

What inspires you? What is your message? Subjects, as portraits, inspire me and I enjoy trying to draw them.

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

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

Holly Knight

Age: 75

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

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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

Age: 73

Community of Residence:

Xenia

Birthplace:

Columbus

Years expressing yourself through your art:

About 54 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.

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!

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Kay Magnuson

Age: 80 years young

Community of Residence:

Xenia

Birthplace:

Dayton

Years expressing yourself through your art:

As a kid I took photos

How did you get started?

Just love nature and waqnt to capture God's handiwork

Have you ever shown your work before
and where?

Yes

Greene County Fair

Mediums you are or have worked with:

I just use a simple camera. God provides the subjects.

What is the subject matter of your art?

Nature—God's handiwork

Why do you make this kind of art?

I thoroughly enjoy nature

What inspires you? What is your message?

God's handiwork

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

Just give it a whirl. You never know til you try!

Michael E. Mt. Castle

Age: 80

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

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Ray Mueller

Age:	76	Birthplace:	New York
Community of Residence:	Beavercreek, OH		
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 Beavercreek Senior Center, Carriage Hill Metro Park, Bellbook Metro Park, Cox Arboretum		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Photography is the best way to express my feelings		
What is the subject matter of your art?	Nature—Wildlife, landscapes, flowers		
Why do you make this kind of art?	Enjoyment		
What inspires you? What is your message?	Awareness of the wonderment and surprises of Mother Nature / Awesome beauty		

Betty Murray

Age:	87	Birthplace:	Norfolk, VA
Community of Residence:	Beavercreek		
Years expressing yourself through your art:	50		
How did you get started?	In 1964 at Dayton Art Institute		
Have you ever shown your work before and where?	Yes Local, state & national		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Oil, watercolor and mixed media		
What is the subject matter of your art?	Nature mostly but some figures		
Why do you make this kind of art?	It gives me joy		
What inspires you? What is your message?	Stay true to yourself		
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	Don't let what others think influence your actions.		

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Harry Noble

Age:	86
Community of Residence:	Xenia
Birthplace:	New Jersey
Years expressing yourself through your art:	24 (since retirement at 62)
How did you get started?	Woodworking—Jig saw at age 11 (1948), Photographs—Film camera at age 11, professional camera (1954) and digital camera (2003)
Have you ever shown your work before and where?	No (but film and digital photographs published to illustrate self-published books)
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Woodworking—enjoy creating with my hands (lamps, tables, candy dispensers, etc); photography—enjoy recording what I have seen and processing film or experimenting with computers.
What is the subject matter of your art?	Mostly nature, as art, and trains for historical record. Woodworking to make useful items.
Why do you make this kind of art?	I enjoy doing so, I display pictures on the wall and use wood items around home. I feel good when someone comments on creativity.
What inspires you? What is your message?	Nature—there is someone bigger than I (God) and I record the beauty I've seen. Trains—no message, just recording what used to be. Woodworking—making by my hand something useful.
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	Use time to expand horizons, attempt to share what you enjoy, may take several tries. Read books for ideas. Get out. Stay active mentally and physically.

Linda Perry

Age:	75
Community of Residence:	Xenia
Birthplace:	Xenia
Years expressing yourself through your art:	20
How did you get started?	Invited sister to go to an acrylic class in New Jasper, OH
Have you ever shown your work before and where?	Yes Senior Artisan Show & Fairfield Art Gallery
Mediums you are or have worked with:	I like learning all. Watercolor, acrylic, pastels, colored pencil
What is the subject matter of your art?	Pets, flowers, landscapes
Why do you make this kind of art?	I love the different colors in flowers. I love my cat. I enjoy all of our scenery.
What inspires you? What is your message?	It brings me joy
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	Try anything—you never know what you might like

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Margrit Tydings Petrie

Age: 82

Community of Residence:

Greene County

Birthplace: Louisville, KY

Years expressing yourself through your art:

I've been exhibiting my adult life

How did you get started?

Childhood education, collage M.A.T. Cincinnati and cartoon teaching.

Have you ever shown your work before and where?

Yes

Yellow Springs Art Council Shows

Mediums you are or have worked with:

Have worked extensively with papier-mâché combined with acrylic

What is the subject matter of your art?

Varies from non-objective portraits, no specific subject matter, imagination, landscape, still life

Why do you make this kind of art?

Actually I make many different types of art: landscapes, portraits, non-objective

What inspires you? What is your message?

I'm inspired by all the possibilities

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

I hope you can get to doing your art—you will do your own kind of art. Associate with other artists & visit museums and shows. Have courage and work often

Diane R. Phillips

Age: 83

Community of Residence:

Beavercreek, 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 Beavercreek Senior Center

Formal or other "education":

Just the class at the Center

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Lisa Quesne

Age:	67
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. Destresses.
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:	90
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

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Ken Samuelson

Age:	78	Birthplace:	Ft Worth, TX
Community of Residence:	Beavercreek		
Years expressing yourself through your art:	~8		
How did you get started?	One of my sons encouraged me to get back into photography by going digital		
Have you ever shown your work before? and where?	Yes Senior Artisan Show, Beavercreek Senior Center, Dayton Daily News		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Photography for its flexibility		
What is the subject matter of your art?	Mostly nature, anything that moves and a lot of things that don't		
Why do you make this kind of art?	It's fascinating and educational		
What inspires you? What is your message?	The endless beauty of nature from the smallest blossom or creature all the way to glorious mountain vistas.		
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	All forms of art can expand your mind and give you a focus for your activity. It also gives you an opportunity to share a part of yourself with the world now and for the future.		

Sandra Samuelson

Age:	76	Birthplace:	St Louis County, MO
Community of Residence:	Beavercreek		
Years expressing yourself through your art:	65+		
How did you get started?	Natural doodler. Watched Jon Gnagy on TV		
Have you ever shown your work before? and where?	Yes Beavercreek Senior Center		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Paints, pencils, chalk		
Why do you make this kind of art?	I invite the viewer to take a stroll into my imagination, where I am having a really good time.		
What inspires you? What is your message?	I find something beautiful or interesting everywhere I look.		

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David Schaller

Age: 69

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: Columbus, OH

Years expressing yourself through your art: 50

How did you get started? Woodworking with grandfather, photography with hand-me-down camera

Have you ever shown your work before? and where? Yes
Senior Artisan Show, Dayton Museum of Art

Mediums you are or have worked with: Wood purchased or gathered from where it grew

What is the subject matter of your art? Nature photography

Why do you make this kind of art? To help showcase the beauty of nature

What inspires you? What is your message? Beautiful scenery and landscapes

Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?
Go for it & let others see and enjoy your efforts.**Sue Seitz**

Age: 62

Community of Residence: Beavercreek Birthplace: Xenia, OH

Years expressing yourself through your art: 50

How did you get started? When I was little my mother would take us to the library. I would look at the books with the most beautiful illustrations. That's how I first started liking art.

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.

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Lee Smith

Age:	83		
Community of Residence:	Beavercreek	Birthplace:	Dayton
Years expressing yourself through your art:	Since 1957 as cartoonist for H.S. newspaper		
How did you get started?	Became ardent birdwatcher around the 1950's. Bought first SLR camera to photograph birds in 2010		
Have you ever shown your work before?	No		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	I have sketched, painted and photographed birds.		
What is the subject matter of your art?	Birds in action		
Why do you make this kind of art?	To broaden my appreciation of my enjoyment of nature		
What inspires you? What is your message?	The thrill of catching a bird in special animation		
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	Enjoy the excitement of the discovery!		

Teresa Stoddart

Age:	73		
Community of Residence:	Fairborn	Birthplace:	W. Palm Beach, FL
Years expressing yourself through your art:	Since a child I loved arts & crafts		
How did you get started?	In grade school making posters & painting scenery for plays		
Have you ever shown your work before?	No		
Mediums you are or have worked with:	Mainly watercolor. I love the colors flowing into each other.		
What is the subject matter of your art?	All different subject matter. In the Koi fish it shows movement with the use of plastic wrap in the water. Tails of the fish & bending bodies some white paint splashing.		
Why do you make this kind of art?	In the flowers, I put the paint down & then the plastic wrap & moved it around, let it dry & it looked like a flower. I painted over to bring out the flowers & leaves. It is an art hack & experiment.		
What inspires you? What is your message?	Emotions & movement. I think of something to paint & see if I can make it. Like to make cards for others.		
Do you have any words to share for seniors who have not shared their creations?	Art good hand eye coordination, relaxing, it shows your feelings. Give it a try!		

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Connie Weber

Age: 82

Community of Residence: Beavercreek **Birthplace:** Dexter, IA

Years expressing yourself through your art: 45

How did you get started? I have always loved color—coloring with crayons & drawing—just for fun. I took a painting class at the age of 30 in Beavercreek

Have you ever shown your work before and where? Yes, FAA, DVAC, Des Moines, IA

Mediums you are or have worked with: Oils, acrylics, watercolor, lithography, screen printing, sculpture & photography

What is the subject matter of your art? Landscape, people—realistic & abstract

Why do you make this kind of art? I do art that makes me happy to do

What inspires you? What is your message? I am inspired by others' artwork, color & design. I hope my art conveys interest in the viewer

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

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