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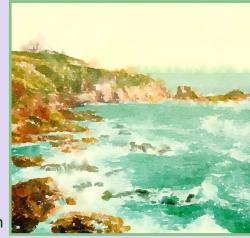
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March 2018 Edition

Benefits of Artistic Expression & Art Therapy for Seniors

The majority of seniors can benefit greatly from engaging in different art forms, and some may improve their quality of life through doing art therapy. Taking part in artistic activities and engaging in therapeutic processes with art are both valuable, but in different ways.



According to Gene Cohen, MD, PhD, as we age, participation in the arts positively affects our health. Cohen concluded this from his own 2006 study in which he found seniors active in arts had better physical health, fewer visits to the doctor, required less medication, and fell less frequently than those in the study not involved in arts (*Today's Geriatric Medicine*).

Such findings shed light upon the value that painting, dancing, drawing, knitting, sculpting, drama, photography, poetry, creative writing, and playing or moving to music can bring in senior living communities.

In art therapy, seniors may take part in the arts, but as initiated by professional art therapists with treatment goals, like building emotional resilience or reducing conflicts (American Art Therapy Association).

"Art Therapy is an integrative mental health and human services profession that enriches the lives of individuals, families, and communities through active art-making, creative process, applied psychological theory, and human experience within a psychotherapeutic relationship." (AATA)

In Memory Care, art therapy can have transformative effects. Art therapists aim to improve life for memory care individuals by presenting creative opportunities for them to express feelings and experiences, and strengthen

connections to others *in* the moment. A senior who can no longer write or use language cohesively may be able to paint in many colors or reveal a part of their past in an image. Due to such expressions, family and friends often feel strengthened connections.

Art therapy isn't about being the best artist in the room. It's about the connections between creative choices made and one's inner life (*Psychology Today*).

For more on this topic, head to the Radiant Senior Living blog!

Positive Effects of Art on Seniors

from Barbara Bagan, PhD, ATR-BC, in Geriatric Monthly's "Aging: What's Art Got to Do With It."

- Aids in relaxation, anxiety, and depression
- Gives feelings of control
- Improves communication and socialization
- Encourages humor and playfulness
- Improves cognition
- Offers sensory stimulation
- Fosters a strong sense of identity
- Bolsters self-esteem
- Nurtures faith
- Reduces boredom

Memories in the Making!









March 10th is Middle Name Pride Day!

We asked around: What's your middle name?

"Raye"
- Jaden

"Renee"

"Anne Belle"

- Celene

- Eilen

"Kay"

- Juanita

"Alan"

- Wyncoop

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March Highlights

3/2/18: Museum of Natural & Cultural **History**

3/16/18: Rebel Backroads will come rock the house!

3/20/18: First Day of Spring!!

3/20/18: Resident Council and Food

Council

3/29/18: Music w/Julie



Daylight Savings Time Begins March 11

St. Patrick's Day March 17

March 14th is National Potato Chip Day!

We asked residents and team members to name their favorite potato chip flavor, or one that they wish existed!

"Buffalo Ranch Doritos. but they don't make them anymore." - Crystal E.

"Salt and Vinegar" - Teri

"Just so long as it's not Barbeque!" - Donna

"Sour Cream and Onion"

- Eva

IN2L- It's Never 2 Late

The IN2L website is so much more than exercise and BINGO. It is an amazing tool for your loved one to keep the brain active and engaged.

Puzzles, Trivia, Word Search, Past Times, Videos, Therapy sessions, and Skype are just a few things residents can do using this touch screen program.

My Page is personalized for each resident. You can access your loved ones My Page and upload photos and short videos. You can also help pick out activities they would be interested in doing on their own such as puzzles, karaoke, or watching religious videos.

Help our residents keep in touch with the ages and family they may not see as often. Upload photos today.

How do you get your loved ones My Page information? That is easy! Email Teri at tkroon@sweetbriarvilla.com

Call Teri at 541-225-0200

Or stop on Monday-Friday if you need further assistance.



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