

Nursing Home Artists Honored in 2017 Annual Calendar

*Proceeds from 2017 “Art from the Heart” Calendar Help Improve
Quality of Life in New York State’s Long Term Care Facilities*

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ALBANY, NY – Art is a powerful medium of expression. Particularly for the aging, it can present an opportunity to open up to outsiders what may be a lifetime of inspirational images never before shared. Thirteen artists who happen to be residents of New York State skilled nursing and assisted living facilities translated visions from their hearts and minds into winning entries of a juried art contest, now featured in a 2017 calendar, “Art from the Heart.”

The annual calendar is the result of an art contest launched in 2004 by the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc., the New York State Health Facilities Association (NYSHFA) and the New York State Center for Assisted Living (NYSCAL). Residents of more than 335 NYSHFA/NYSCAL member skilled nursing and assisted living facilities around the state were invited to submit artwork.

Proceeds from the calendar will help improve the quality of life for long term care residents at facilities across New York.

Each NYSHFA/NYSCAL member was encouraged to hold their own art contest and was invited to submit up to two pieces of original artwork by their residents. The response was overwhelming, with more than 85 pieces submitted from across New York state. The judges included representatives from the New York State Museum and the Sorelle Gallery in Albany.

Ranging in age from 57 to 97, the different backgrounds of the artists who submitted work creates a unique blend of artistic styles. Some are professional artists who have been drawing and painting their entire lives, while others discovered their talents after moving into a long term care facility where they began taking art classes.

“Our residents have shared such rich stories through their artwork,” said Richard S. Patterson, Jr., executive director of the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. “The ‘Art from the Heart’ calendar provides a forum for these talented and interesting individuals to shine.”

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The 2017 “Art from the Heart” calendar can be purchased for \$12 by visiting www.thefqc.org and www.nyshfa.org. The websites also include images from the “Art from the Heart” calendar.

Proceeds from the calendar benefit the Foundation for Quality Care, Inc. a non-profit, grant-supported organization that focuses on improving the quality of care and quality of life in New York State nursing homes.

*****Photos of Artwork and Artists Available*****

This Year’s “Art from the Heart” Art Contest Winners

- Roger Baker, Essex Center for Rehabilitation and Healthcare, Elizabethtown, NY
- Ruth Butler, HomeLife at Folts-Claxton, Herkimer, NY
- Cosme Calvo, Kings Harbor Multicare Center, Bronx, NY
- Susan Christie, Orchard Manor Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Medina, NY
- Robert George, Somers Manor Rehabilitation & Nursing Center, Somers, NY
- Florence Grabowski, Somerset Gardens, Plainview, NY
- Barb Hulbert, ElderWood at Amherst, Amherst, NY
- Helen Klemm, Sayville Nursing & Rehabilitation Center, Sayville, NY
- Betty Mast, Van Duyn Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing, Syracuse, NY
- Robert Natusch, Kingsway Arms Nursing Center Inc., Schenectady, NY
- Patti Phillips, River Ridge Living Center, Amsterdam, NY
- Daniel Sugrue, Glen Island Center for Nursing and Rehab, New Rochelle, NY
- Anthony Van Der Linde, Shore View Nursing Home, Brooklyn, NY

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