



Nursing Home and Assisted Living Artists Honored in 2022 Annual Calendar

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ALBANY, NY – Art is a powerful medium of expression. Particularly for the aging, it can present an opportunity to open to members of the community 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 2022 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). With the recent restrictions on skilled nursing and assisted living facilities due to COVID-19, the Foundation for Quality Care moved this year’s Art from the Heart Program online. Residents of more than 400 NYSHFA/NYSCAL member skilled nursing and assisted living facilities around the state were invited to submit photographs of their artwork online.

The response by residents was overwhelming, with more than 80 art pieces submitted from across New York state. The judges included local artists and representatives from the New York State Museum in Albany.

Ranging in age from 56 to 92, 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 Jackie Pappalardi, RN, BSN, 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.”

Proceeds from the “Art from the Heart” calendar will benefit **the Foundation for Quality Care’s James D. Durante and Ruth E. Stafford Nurse Scholarship Program**. This Scholarship Program was established to provide financial support to incumbent employees of NYSHFA | NYSCAL member facilities who are also nursing students pursuing careers in long term care. **Help us to support long term care nurses by ordering calendars today!** Calendars may be ordered via the NYSHFA/NYSCAL website at www.nyshfa-nyscal.org.

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

This Year's "Art from the Heart" Art Contest Winners

- **Juan Aponte**, Horizon Care Center, Arverne, NY
- **Robert Carbinaro**, Northeast Center for Rehabilitation and Brain Injury, Lake Katrine, NY
- **Margaret Sherry Field**, Boro Park Center for Rehab. & Healthcare, Brooklyn, NY
- **Brenda Franklin**, Beechtree Center for Rehabilitation & Nursing, Ithaca, NY
- **Joan Franks**, Somerset Gardens, Plainview, NY
- **Courtney King**, King David Center for Nursing & Rehab, Brooklyn, NY
- **Deborah Lester**, Newark Manor Nursing & Rehabilitation, Newark, NY
- **Jane Michalski**, Elderwood Village at Bassett Park, Williamsville, NY
- **Neil Schlosser**, Suffolk Center for Rehab & Nursing, Patchogue, NY
- **Elizabeth Suchocki**, Rosewood Rehabilitation and Nursing Center, Rensselaer, NY
- **Cheri Talmadge**, Betsy Ross Nursing & Rehab. Center, Rome, NY
- **Angela Torres**, King David Center for Nursing & Rehab, Brooklyn, NY
- **Community Residents of Waterview Hills Rehabilitation & Healthcare**, Purdys, NY

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