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Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles' Memories in the Making

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Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles hosted their fifth Annual Memories in the Making

(<http://www.alzcla.org/events/memories-in-the-making-auction/>) (MiM) exhibition and auction, June 15, 2017 at Building Bridges Art Exchange (Bergamot Station Arts Center, 2525 Michigan Ave, Unit F2, Santa Monica, CA.) This unique fine arts program offers creative and non-verbal communication through art, enhancing connections with families, professional caregivers, and others.

Free Program Provides Meaningful Activities for People with Dementia and Their Caregivers

The MiM program is a gallery exhibition and auction showcasing the amazing artwork created by people in the mid-to-late stages of Alzheimer's. It is one of ALZGLA's unique arts4ALZ programs that helps provide insight into the thoughts and memories that participants are often challenged in communicating.



MiM artist Lenore Medina and ALZGLA President & CEO Susan Galeas pictured with Lenore's artwork entitled "Trees, Water, Sun" (Photo Credit: Vince Bucci)

"This is Water, Trees and Flowers." Lenore was born and raised in Bell, California. She was a stay at home mother until she became a registered nurse. Her son describes her as someone who has always helped others.



MiM artist Audrey Sheehan, Susan Disney Lord, daughter Christina Sheehan pictured with Audrey's artwork entitled "The Bird" (Photo Credit: Vince Bucci)

Audrey was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts. She was married for 50 years to her high school sweetheart. A special needs teacher for years, she is described as loving, kind and sweet. Audrey also loves animals and is particularly fond of birds. The Sheehan family crest is a dove with an olive branch.



MiM artist Lorna Park, MiM Manager Brianne Ellworth and ALZGLA Director, Clinical Outreach pictured with Lorna's artwork entitled "The Mystic Mirror" (Photo Credit: Vince Bucci)

"This is a drawing of a mirror that wakens new ideas with the promise of great happiness. If you look through it's arms and allow the flame of wonder to touch your soul, great happiness can fill your life with dreams left waiting for you to open your soul to its promise of love and joy to fill your life with waiting treasures."



MiM artist Audrey Sheehan, Susan Disney Lord, MIM artists Lorna Park, Jane Stang and Lenore Medina and ALZGLA President & CEO Susan Galeas (Photo Credit: Vince Bucci)

MiM is made possible through the generosity of Susan Disney Lord, Abigail Disney, Tim Disney, and Roy P. Disney in loving memory of their mother, Patricia Disney, who was an artist.

For more information about the event and the Memories in the Making program, visit www.alzpla.org/events (<http://www.alzpla.org/events/memories-in-the-making-auction/>).



Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles is the only local full-service, dementia-focused, nonprofit with 36 years of experience, 5 locations, and 57 staff serving Greater Los Angeles and the Inland Empire. ALZGLA provides programs and services free of charge to individuals with Alzheimer's and related dementias, their families, caregivers and the community. Low cost training and education are also offered for professionals. Alzheimer's Greater Los Angeles began as an independent 501(c)(3) nonprofit in 1981.

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Alzheimer's is a devastating neurodegenerative disease that weakens the memory and other cognitive and emotional functions. For more information, call the Helpline 24/7 at 1-844-HELP-ALZ or visit www.alzpla.org (<http://www.alzpla.org>).

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