

Art for Alzheimer's

Some residents support their favorite charities and causes by volunteering. Others donate money. Susie Stockholm supports her favorite cause through her art.



Above: Susie at home with her artwork. Photo by Gracene Peluso.

Left: Think About it.

Top right: City at Dawn.

Susie, a Sun City resident and artist, will feature her paintings and collages October 2–9 at National HealthCare (NHC) on Route 170 in Bluffton. The exhibit ends with an *Art Party* on Tuesday, October 9 from 5–7 p.m. A portion of art sales will be donated to benefit the upcoming Beaufort County Walk for Alzheimer's on Saturday, October 27 in Bluffton.

Alzheimer's disease is something close to Susie's heart. Both of her adoptive parents died from the disease, so she likes to help those suffering whenever she can. Susie first heard of NHC last year when the All About Art Club, of which she is a member, put out a call to its members to donate paintings to the Memory Care Unit for a Mother's Day Tea. Susie donated six pieces.

"I got to thinking, 'what more can I do?' I don't have the time to teach in NHC's art program, but I can donate art proceeds if we did an art show there," she said. "You look around for where you want to make a difference. Alzheimer's is close to me. It's an insidious disease that affects everyone in the family."

Susie then approached Stacy Floyd, Memory Care Coordinator at NHC, about an art show to help raise money and awareness about Alzheimer's disease. Together, they came up with the "Art Party" as a theme for the walk's fundraiser October 9.

"Any opportunity that we can get out the word and raise awareness...I'm going to jump at it. I think it's a win-win for both of us," Stacy said. "It's very generous of her to want to do this. She has a connection that's dear to her heart and that draws her to want to make a difference in other people's lives."

Many other Sun City residents have volunteered at NHC by donating artwork or teaching art classes, Stacy added.

Susie came to Sun City by way of California in 2007. She had been looking all over the country for a place to retire and wanted to live where there was an obvious sense of community.

"I saw all the clubs I could join! So I did just that. It's been wonderful," she said of living in Sun City Hilton Head. "It's impossible to be lonely."



As a young girl growing up in North Hollywood, Calif., Susie was the student of Gerald Brommer, her elementary school teacher who later became a world-renown artist. Friday afternoon art classes were her favorite lessons. However, Susie didn't start taking formal art classes until 2000. In 2004 she declared herself an artist.

Susie describes her artwork as abstract and full of energy, whimsy and excitement. She uses many mediums, including acrylics, washi and other Japanese papers, acrylic ink, watercolor and everyday objects. She creates textured acrylic paintings and collages, merging ink colors or using "mundane objects," such as a garden trowel, mesh vegetable bags or yogurt lids, to create interesting lines on a canvas of thick paint.

Susie says she wastes nothing and likes using unexpected tools and materials. In her collage "City at Dawn," she used strips of newspaper to give the illusion of windows in the high rise buildings. For "Woven Thoughts" she took cut up strips of two failed paintings and wove them together; then she sewed them onto a support.

"Think About It," which is hanging in the lobby of NHC, was made with a trowel. "I used lots of paint, dripped various inks and then hosed it down in my front yard! It was a very energetic experience," she said. "I like texture and think people should be able to touch these paintings, rub their hands over them and go 'oh wow, that feels really wonderful.'"

Susie has a large, highly-texture painting on display at Hilton Head Art League in Shelter Cove, and another vibrant acrylic at Society of Bluffton Artists (SOBA) on Church Street.

To receive an invitation to the October 9 event please contact Susie at susie@artuitive.net or call (843)-473-7706.

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