



Dear BBL

Thank you for your continued support of Memory Lane.

Here is our report for Quarter July-Sept 2018

The last three months have been wonderful, we have grown as a group and new friendships have been made.

During July and the first week of August, Memory Lane Creative Arts members were given the opportunity to exhibit some of their wonderful creations at Blackfriars Arts Centre. This was in part to raise awareness of dementia but also to show what people living with dementia can achieve, with a little support, given the opportunity. The work displayed was created with glass artist Liz Pearson of the Glassroom, Leasingham and funded by Boston Big Local and Transported. The pieces have now been returned to their makers to be hung, pride of place, at home.





As you can see on the left, a section of the exhibition was given over to some fabulous artwork by our very own June. She had this work tucked away from many years ago but brought it show us at Memory Lane. This collection was far too good to be left unseen!

Her daughter got busy framing all of the pieces and both June and her daughter joined us to hang them at Blackfriars. On seeing her work on display, June was overwhelmed and kept asking...Are you sure this is all my work?

July 11th 2018

Today's session was lead by Debbie, who was inspired by the fabulous weather and all of the beautiful summer hanging baskets. It was therefore decided to make something to brighten up our homes indoors too.

We welcomed two new members to the group (Margaret and Pat) They had heard such wonderful things about the group from Andy and Marti that they decided to come along and see for themselves.



Welcome Margaret and Pat



Phyl and Frank worked together using all the colourful and sparkly materials, I think this was inspired by Phyl's taste rather than Franks ☺

The tiny pins needed to fix the materials to the ball were difficult to see and handle, so teamwork was required. Frank was the threader and Phyl was the affixer ☺

As Frank was a footballer in his younger years we chatted about England's fantastic playing in the World Cup, he was looking forward to the match tonight.

Andy was meticulous and wanted to base his topiary ball on the UK. He found some tartan material to represent Scotland and punched flowers to stick on with glue as he didn't want to use the pins.

We had a good discussion in the group as the boys who were trapped in the cave in Thailand have now all been rescued. The group were emotional about this and it was a main part of our discussion that session.



The final topiary balls were beautiful.

Everyone took theirs to hang up and brighten their home.



8th August 2018

Liz was back this week to deliver the session. She had all of the items that were displayed at Blackfriars ready to hand out to their creators.

Today we welcomed a group of ladies from a local care home that had come along to explore our sessions and to make new friends.



The group was large and there was a good atmosphere with every one getting to know each other.

Tea and laughter was plentiful.

Our Golden Girls

Sheila bought her 'baby' Violet along to join in today's crafts. She was very proud. They picked out some beautiful coloured tiles together to make their mosaic mirror.





There were lots of colours but Sarah decided to stick to a specific colour theme.

Margaret, however, decided to choose the colours from the school she went to as a child. She remembered her tie and we had a good laugh at one of her stories about her navy school pants! 😊



Here are some of our finished mosaics. These will be grouted and ready with mirrors for the next session.





22nd August 2018

The group was very eager to get stuck in. They headed straight for the tablets to crack on. We were finishing and grouting the mosaic tiles. Marti was looking forward to getting messy when she saw the table clothes out.



She also showed the group some photos of her son's wedding from the weekend and was in high spirits.



We nailed some hangers on the back and grouted the mosaics. Andy in particular like this as it's what he classes as 'a man's job.'





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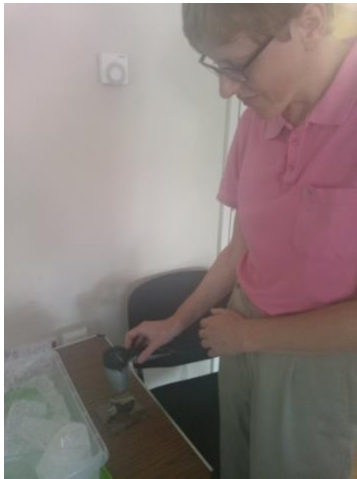
The group were raring to go as we were joined again by Liz of the GlassRoom.

Tea and coffee was in full flow and the group went wild for biscuits while Liz explained about the session ahead.



Liz bought in some beautiful pictures of flowers, which were used these under the glass tiles to stencil over.





The group really enjoyed doing this. We had a lovely in-depth discussion about the war times, as some of the attendees were children during WW2. Others were also in the forces.

We talked for ages about memories from younger years and how things had changed over time. It was lovely to hear everyone's stories 😊



The finished glass tile paints were dried and will be sealed by another glass tile, ready for collection next time.

26th September 2018.

Unfortunately Liz was unable to join us today so we had a 'lucky dip' session. We are lucky to have a collection of materials in stock now that we can use in an emergency and this was one of those days! On offer today we had; glass painting, rock painting and some beautiful scratch engraving. The 'scratching' proved to be very popular and they were taken home to be finished off.