



Dear BBL

Thank you for your continued support of Memory Lane Creative Arts.

Here is our report for the Quarter Apr, May, June 2023

We have supported 50 people at Memory Lane this quarter.

Wednesday 12th April 2023

Today was our first session working with DebsOliverArt. We're also joining Jackie Lane in her LCVS Coronation project for the Friendly Bench at Ancaster Court.

We were thinking forward to the Coronation day in May. Deb provided a copy of the invitation for inspiration.

We talked about street parties and great celebrations. We will all be watching.

Our creations for this week will be collected by Jackie to be set in cement as a commemorative piece.





One of our carers hadn't got any sleep the previous night but said she found the session so relaxing, she felt able to get through the rest of the day. That's why we do this.



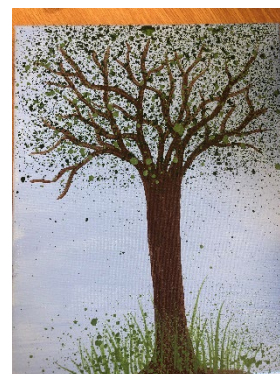


Wednesday 26th April 2023

Debs came armed with pots and pots of buttons today! So many that I secretly hoped we weren't sewing them onto anything. We weren't :) They were going to adorn our 'button trees'. I thought back to trying to paint trees many years ago and somehow they never quite looked like a tree. Debs demonstrated every step and made it achievable. A couple of our long-standing attendees went in their own direction but, as always, that's one of the pleasures of these sessions, your own direction is the right direction. So here goes...



Backgrounds painted and dried with a hair drier, we went on to create our trees and some green foliage.



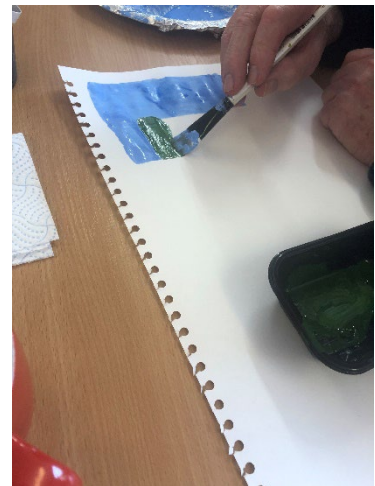


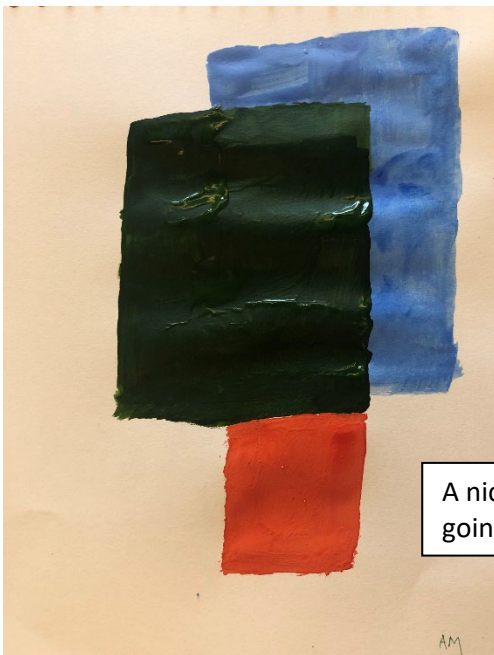
The really fun part was deciding which buttons and arranging them on the canvas.

As always, we listened to some music, had a sing, dunked our biscuits and chatted about what's going on in everyone's lives at the minute.



By this time, Bill and Andy were busy doing their own thing. :)





A nice bit of off-piste Mondrian going on here :)



Another very individual creation, which kept him interested and on task for most of the session :)



One of our carers told us that her creation now has pride of place in her conservatory. Another said her family insisted she had bought hers, as she wasn't artistic enough to have made it! Oh yes I am!



Wednesday 24th May 2023

Today Debs really tested our painting skills! And do you know what? We're MUCH better at it than we thought we were or believed we could be :) Debs showed us some examples

and everyone said,
"Surely we're not going to try and paint those?!"
"Oh yes you are!"
And we did :D







Wednesday 14th June 2023

The sun has finally arrived!

To celebrate, we had a sunflower themed painting session.

Once again, under the skilful guidance of Debs Oliver, we were able to create things no one imagined possible.

“I can’t paint!” turned into, “I just needed a bit of help and I could do it.

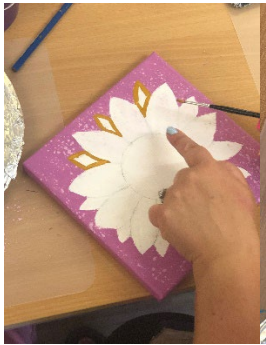
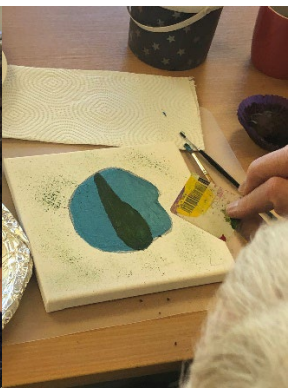
I’m very pleased with my picture.” (An attendee living with dementia)

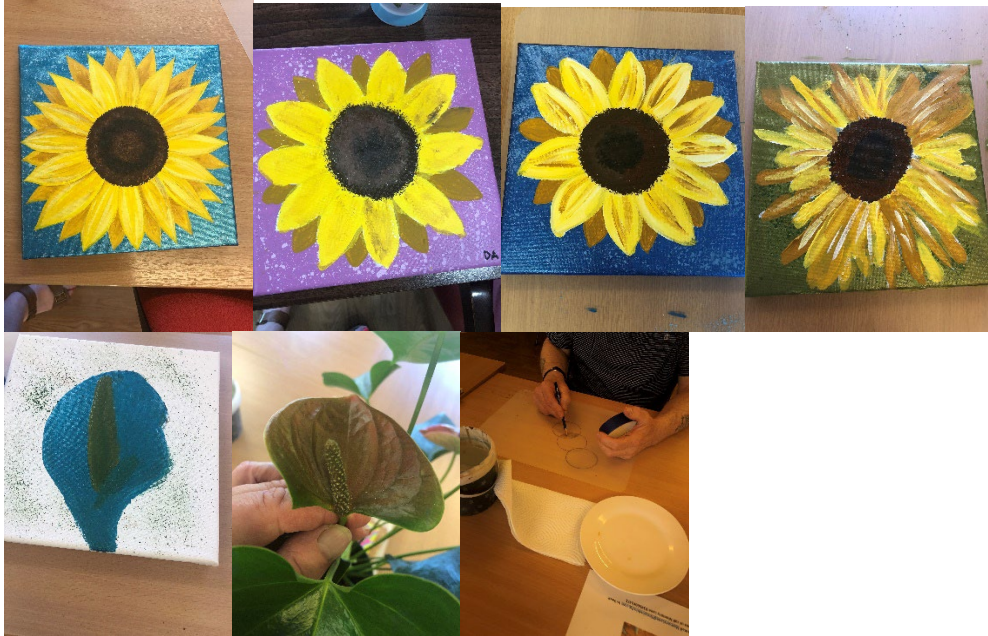
“Trying to paint used to make me anxious. Not today. I’ve loved it.” (One of our carers)

So many clever tips that make all the difference to a painting. Such an enjoyable session, where people lost themselves, just for a few moments, in a calm peaceful activity. Winner!

It was also Debs birthday today, so she treated everyone to a beautiful cupcake (or two Bill :D) YUM!







Wednesday 28th June
CANCELLED as Sarah and I both had the dreaded COVID.
Debs will carry this session over.