

ArtSpark – Story Quilt Project



ArtSpark for elders at Redbanks Towers, wrapped up a year's worth of fun, meaningful visual art experiences in September 2015 with a **Story Quilt project**.

Participants began by painting fabric muslin quilt squares with bright colors and interesting images. Step two involved cutting and pasting fabric pieces to the painted fabric; then meaningful words and text were added with fabric markers.

Then the fun with photographs began! Story Quilt participants brought and shared family photos with the group, which generated many touching conversations about memories of loved ones and past lives. The most special photographs were chosen for scanning and printing on fabric transfers. Participants spent an ArtSpark session ironing those transfers to more muslin quilt squares, then another quilting the backing fabric using a knotting technique introduced to us by a Redbanks Towers resident!

Finally, all the painted/embellished and photograph-based quilt squares made by Story Quilt participants were individually quilted by teaching artist Julie Struck, and assembled on the backing fabric.

This **Story Quilt will be displayed through the month of October 2015**. In November, each Story Quilt participant will take personal quilt squares home to display in their residences.

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