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Exposure Gallery & Studios and Touchmark collaborate to enrich lives through ART{FULL} Event

SIoux FALLS, S.D. – Sioux Falls is well known as a community especially friendly to those who love art, and this month the city’s art scene is expanding into the halls at Touchmark at All Saints retirement community. On April 30, the public is invited to attend a collaborative community art event from 3 - 7 p.m. on the Touchmark campus, held in conjunction with Exposure Gallery & Studios.

There is no charge for the event, which will provide an opportunity for the public to come and interact with a wide range of art as it happens. Complimentary shuttle bus service will be provided between Avera’s parking lot at 18th and 7th and Touchmark, located at 111 W. 17th.

The public event will be the culmination of weeks of collaboration between residents at Touchmark and the artists of Exposure Gallery & Studios. Exposure’s artists are working with residents to create a variety of artworks and projects for display at this one-day-only event. Pop-up galleries, collaborative pieces, installations, live murals, and more will be on display and for hands-on experiences.

“One of the biggest reasons we got involved in this project is we wanted to engage and interact with a new group often overlooked,” says Zachary DeBoer, owner of Exposure Gallery & Studios. “By connecting with the artists and art supporters at Touchmark, we are creating a bigger, more connected and fuller art community in Sioux Falls.”

It may be surprising to imagine seniors creating their own graffiti and spray-painted art, but that is just one of the projects that artists Solomon Carlson and Kevin Caraway will be working on with Touchmark residents during the collaboration.

In a very big sense, art is storytelling. Another featured project for this event is a portrait and interview series by Walter Portz. A station will be set up during the event for portraits and live interviews in which residents will be encouraged to tell their stories. With the residents’ permission, the artist hopes to expand the project into downtown Sioux Falls.

Artist-in-residence Altman E. Studeny will spend the week leading up to the public

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event by staying at Touchmark and making a mural with residents and staff. Participants will paint their own canvas tiles, which Studey will assemble into a large-scale mural. The mural will be unveiled during the exhibit and will be permanently displayed in Touchmark's bistro.

University of South Dakota graduate and textile artist Amy Jarding will be collaborating with Touchmark resident Caroline Deinema to make a custom loom piece for the exhibit. Printmaker Jordan Thornton will be working with residents on a print installation for the event.

Residents of Touchmark who will be exhibiting their work include Don Bickford (woodworking), Mike Moorlach (woodworking), Patty Berger (hand-knit sweaters and blankets), Caroline Deinema (loomng) and Gilbert Buehner (stained glass), Toby Wellenstein (photography), Billee Robinson (quilting), Bill Berryman (sculpture and poetry) and Mary Jo Berryman (painting).

"We are thrilled to be partnering with Exposure Gallery & Studios on this exciting project," says Touchmark Executive Director Angie Rabon. "Touchmark is committed to enriching people's lives, and this event is an ideal opportunity to share the talents of many and promote creativity in many forms."

[Research](#) indicates that making art is not only fun but also can improve well-being, help to further medical outcomes as well as reduce depression, stress and negative emotions. Indeed, art fosters a full life for everyone, no matter one's age.

About Exposure Gallery & Studios

This unique community-driven art gallery and studio space is designed to facilitate artists and help them reach a wider audience.

About Touchmark

An award-winning retirement community, Touchmark at All Saints offers a range of apartment homes and lifestyles on the site of the historic All Saints School, which was built in 1884. For more information, visit Touchmark.com.

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