

Friends House Retirement Community
ArtSpaces
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Thank you for supporting Friends House Retirement Community with a 2024 Grant for our new Art Studio. Since its ribbon cutting ceremony, January 23rd the studio and workshop space have been filled with residents. Several group workshops have been hosted by the committee. It's not unusual to find a resident in the studio enjoying a few hours of creative time, working on their own art. This space brings our community together, independent living residents have spent several Saturdays with their friends from the assisted living, nursing, or rehabilitation neighborhoods in the art studio.

A few highlights include: Two workshops were held to make valentines for participants special someone(s). Attendance was amazing and from each neighborhood. Two workshops were also held giving our activities committee clerks help create signage for the first Activities Fair, hosted by our residents. A sketching workshop hosted by Hugh Corbin, and a nature photography workshop hosted by Nancy Rea (both resident artists) are on the schedule for the coming weeks. Many more workshops are planned.

Collaborations between the Wood shop and Art Studio produce shared artistic expression. For example, the woodshop is making worktables for the Art Studio saving thousands on expenses.

Thank you, Friends for your support to Friends House. I invite you to come visit and sit in one of our workshops soon.

In Friendship,
Anne Derby
Director of Development

