

# The Social Butterfly

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## Making Creative Connections



IOA's Social Day Program participants will be treated to special programs at the Contemporary Jewish Museum thanks to a generous grant from the Senior Excursion Fund of the Jewish Community Federation and Endowment Fund.

The Contemporary Jewish Museum strives to ensure that its facilities and programs are accessible, and that all of

its visitors feel a sense of welcome, respect, and inclusion.

We believe that positive arts and cultural experiences are essential to building healthy communities. We look forward to adding these escorted outings to enrich the lives of our participants.

**“It’s our connections to others that bind us to life.” - Dr. Patrick Arbore**

Institute on Aging often partners with corporations to offer community service team building opportunities for employees. Christine Evans came to our Social Day Program as a part of a volunteering event with Wells Fargo. She was so moved by her experience that she wanted to share her talent with us by painting a landscape that would enhance our center.

Her piece adds such a calming atmosphere to our community. Thank you Christine, you have left a lasting impression.





Our Social Day Program was pleased to welcome Professor Craig Marshall and his life drawing class from the Academy of Art University. Students spent the good part of the day drawing participants, giving the portraits as a take home souvenir but beyond that they connected with our community and had the opportunity to really get to know our members.

I am struck by a quote from Keith Haring who said, “Drawing is still basically the same as it has been since prehistoric times. It brings together man and the world. It lives through magic. “ There is a magic that happens when you sit down to capture the image of another. You have to really see them and hope that you not only render an image with some likeness but that you capture their spirit as well. In a time when our culture overlooks older adults for whatever reason we are happy to create a space to help counter that and hopefully inspire a respectful generation that sees the beauty in aging.

