

## New Art Classes

Resident's are excited about learning new art techniques from

John C. Contino.



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John has been involved in art since elementary school when he was influenced by his art teacher Mrs. Mather who was also his friend. She helped to find my future in the art she taught.

John went to Buffalo State for art education, graduated in 1968 thus started his teaching career doing a ali-cart in Penfield Elementary school. This type of teaching was going from room to room from a cart. Today here at the nursing home he brings all his supplies by cart to the recreation room in the Nursing home. John taught for 30 years , 10 years at the Wayne Central Elementary school and 16 years at the Wayne Central High school. He retired in 1998 but continued to teach special education for four years after that.

John started volunteering at the Wayne County Nursing Home in October 2007, he feels that volunteering here has given him a purpose of sharing his skills using all types of materials with those who enjoy the challenge of creating.

His goal & hope to bring activities and materials to as many people who enjoy the process of discovery. He believes for some it will be a new experience while others it becomes a playful time to see what they can make.

So far John has taught wire sculpture, self personality masks and making ginger bread houses out of cheese & crackers.

John states, “he has found personal enjoyment from seeing all those who find success and fun in making creative products.” John says, “he has found a new purpose which he looks forward to volunteering.” Thinking and planning and organizing so that the time I spend with the individuals becomes a successful experience. It has helped me find meaningful uses in my retirement,”says John Contino