

Connecting Through Art focuses on Muskegon Museum of Art guests with Alzheimer's and dementia and their caregivers.

This interactive program was born of the personal experiences of Museum staff and docents who have cared for family members and friends with these conditions.

The program is based on a successful model developed at New York's Museum of Modern Art. Studies have shown that stimulating mental activity combined with meaningful social interaction may lower the risks and rates of cognitive decline. During the tour, docents use artwork to explore and discover new connections while drawing guests and their caregivers into a conversation about the art and its meaning to them by touching upon their own life experiences. Guests are not passive observers of a tour, but active participants, bringing their own perspectives and definitions to the experience.

The goal of Connecting Through Art is to provide a meaningful experience for our guests and their caregivers.

- Small groups (6-10 guests)
- Private tours
- Three to four works of art per tour, in close proximity
- Themed tours
- Chairs to sit on during the tour
- Discussion includes observation, description, interpretation, connection and summary
- 30-45 minutes in the gallery

If you would like to bring a group for a Connecting Through Art tour, please contact our curator of education at cjackson1@muskegonartmuseum.org



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