

Artistic Impact at Twin Lakes

After showcasing their creations at a recent community art show, Twin Lakes resident Taitzer wrote a letter reflecting on their past and present.



The woodcarving created by Judy when she was 20 years old. Surrounding her are three of her four granddaughters.

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DEAR ARTSCONNECTION FRIENDS,

Here at Twin Lakes Senior Living we had the first Art Show last Friday, June 27. All of Judy's glass mosaics and my woodcarvings on display were created during our time at the Springfield Township Senior Community Center (now known as ArtsConnect. Executive Director: Mrs. Kim Flamm).

Looking back, I often think: had I not joined our carving class thirty years ago, I would never have discovered that I could sculpt likeness of portraits — let alone something so personal: we are deeply grateful — not just for the quiet joy, focus, and friendship we shared. Though we've moved on, the memories of that time — the calm, the craftsmanship, the spirits of learning — still live with us.

And now, Judy and I have drawn strength from those years. As an aging couple having lived in the States for 62/60 years far away from homeland, Taiwan, we were unknowingly preparing for this chapter of life — now shared with hundreds of fellow residents at Twin Lakes Senior Community. Here, we continue to learn and grow each day among hundreds of fellow seniors.

It brings to mind the ancient Greek sage Solon (638–559 BC), who said: “I grow old ever learning many things” — and from the East, a line just as enduring: when the Japanese Emperor asked how the last samurai died, his comrade (played by Tom Cruise in the Japanese Movie Last Samurai) replied, “Let me not tell you how he died. Let me tell you how he lived.” Together, these words remind us: what matters most is not how life ends, but how it is lived — with purpose, dignity, and heart — and absolutely without any intention to defy the law or offend basic human decency for self interest.

We’re enjoying the vitality and wonder that lifelong learning brings at Twin Lakes.

With warmest regards,

Taitzer and Judy