

## **A TYPICAL BRIDGING GENERATIONS PROGRAM**

**PLAN & PROMOTE:** Set dates, times, and location for the workshop, exhibit, and reception. Ask an experienced, fun, and patient art instructor to lead artmaking. The artmaking workshop class size per session is 5 to 10 children. It works well to hold classes after school during the week or on Saturdays for 90 minutes. Encourage participation through social media and word-of-mouth.

**REGISTRATION:** Pre-registration is necessary to help plan. Use a sign-up sheet to track headcounts and oversee workshop class size of least five children and not more than ten.

**PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION:** Parents or guardians must sign permission slips to enable the sponsors to use program photos in promotional materials. The slip includes a liability disclaimer for instructors, volunteers, and entities involved.

**ARTMAKING WORKSHOP(s):** To ensure a successful workshop carefully instruct and let the children create. Adults, staff, and parents who stay may help the instructor or take event photos. At the end of the workshop, help each child write an artist statement about their artmaking experience. Statements will vary depending on the age of the artist. For example: a first grader may write one sentence while a fifth grader may write five sentences.

**ART EXHIBIT:** Display children's art attractively in a public venue. Be sure to recognize each young artist by placing the child's name beside each piece. Post and share artists' statements so viewers can enjoy reading them.

**ARTISTS' RECEPTION & RECOGNITION:** The host will invite attendees to view the art, enjoy refreshments, and tell attendees when the program will start. Most adults like to sit during the reception. Venues with limited space may invite children to sit together on the floor. During the program, children receive certificates of awesomeness and share their artists' statements. The host will announce the name(s) of children selected for a State Award. Award winners may place and show their artworks at the Association of Wisconsin Artists State Exhibit in late summer or fall.