

## Senior Artists on Display

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Artist Nancy Bors

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"They're all senior artists. Every body is 60 and older. You can not put a piece of art in here unless you are 60 or older. Some of our artists are Janet Bane, Midge Dillon, Jean Carson, Nancy Bors, Mona Johnson, Dottie Holm, Susan Byers and we do have one male artist who is a literary artists and he has his book displayed here."

The author Malcolm Gladwell says that the key to mastering anything is practicing it for 10,000 hours, or two hours everyday for nearly 14 years. The collection of art in the senior center's show seems to support that theory.

Artist Midge Dillon

The best thing about the senior center's art show is that it's obvious each artist has dedicated themselves to creating something beautiful. One artist, Midge Dillon, has several pieces on display. With a very steady hand, she creates lifelike drawings of something in which many people might not see the beauty.

"She got a fascination with dying flowers and they're actually very beautiful. The iris over there was, I think, her first one and then she sort of went from there and they're quite beautiful and quite unique. I think Midge sees something that she likes-- and she loves to draw, she's a wonderful artist and she's very creative-- and I think she just had a certain fascination with a flower that was not at its peak."

Artist Mona Johnson

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