

Pilot Study
for *ART with a Purpose for VETERANS*
(June 1 to July 6, 2016)
Wm. F. Green Veterans Home
Bay Minette, AL.

Eight (8) Veterans were chosen by Recreation Director, Shelly Bates, because of her familiarity with all the residents. They were selected for their cognitive skills and probability of coming to all 6 classes. The “original 8” signed a release form so we could use any of their photographs, videos, and verbal responses. Six (6) classes, one per week, were facilitated by Tamlin, in their large dining area. Lessons were documented through individual surveys while many photographs and extensive notes taken by the team. It became apparent early on that many more of the Veteran residents wanted to come to these art classes and we ranged from 16 to 20 students every week.

A **Curriculum Evaluation** was administered to all the students who attended the 6th and final class. It consisted of 3 questions measuring the enjoyment, usefulness, and ability to express thoughts and feelings. The results in the table below show that all the participants were very satisfied with the art lessons:

On enjoyment: 59% rated the classes very good and 41% excellent.

On usefulness in their life: 41% rated the classes as good and 33% as excellent.

On expressing thoughts and feelings: 50% rated the classes very good and 50% excellent.

Final Evaluation of Art Classes:

Question	Poor	Fair	Good	Very Good	Excellent
Overall, the art classes were enjoyable				7	5
The art lessons were useful in my life			3	5	4
The lessons helped me express my thoughts and feelings				6	6

