



Community Outreach VA Oakland

Oakland Vets Paint Surrealistic Lemons

Surrealistic lemon-landscape was the concept for the Community Outreach session for the Oakland veterans. The idea was inspired by the René Magritte exhibition showing at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, now through October 28, 2018.

We began with real lemons and few samples of Magritte's paintings to put the surreal, dream-like idea across. The "paint along" of sky, clouds, oversized lemons and land moved quickly. The vets took up the concept and with their brushes made it their own. The results were lemonade, submerged lemons, levitating lemons and in one painting even a wandering ant was included.

The concluding critique generated a number of smiles and comments on the fine show of imagination.

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