



Community Outreach

About Face Portrait Artist Reception

January 2018

On December 13, 2017, CWA Outreach Program hosted a reception for the About Face Portrait Artists in Martinez, CA, in Art Passages Lobby Gallery located in the CCC Administration Building on Pine Street. Refreshments were provided and good fellowship exchanged between the artists and the public as their work was reviewed and enjoyed.

Some of the comments captured were as follows:

"I really enjoyed seeing the SHEER JOY of each of the veterans in seeing their work, nicely framed and hanging on a wall along with others for all the world to see. They were like kids on Christmas morning... ALL so proud and excited for themselves and for each other... and ALL snapping away on their phones taking turns posing with their work and swapping photos of themselves."

"This show should go to the White House."

"The vets who painted these works are here? I want to meet them."

"I am intrigued by every portrait. They all tell such stories."

"These artworks should be made into a book. It would sell. I'd buy one."

"Fabulous!"

"Amazing show. Surprised how powerful. A lot of fun."



Thank you to all volunteers who helped to make this exhibition and reception possible. You may never know or see personally the positive impact that you have had on the veterans who were able to participate in this program but the effects were empowering. Some were able to face, and give expression to, deeply felt emotions that could not be spoken but now could be released and expressed on canvas or paper in a healing and constructive way. Thank you all for your support.

In gratitude CWA Outreach.

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