



The Collaboration Is Happening

OUTREACH: VA MARTINEZ

October 2013



Beginning in May 2013, CWA volunteers have been meeting two times a month with veterans at the VA Martinez Recreational Therapy Department. The Outreach has been located in a shaded section of a beautifully landscaped courtyard. The weather has been consistently lovely providing great light, so important for painting.



Victoria Bianco
teacher & assistant

Victoria Bianco (see photo) has been the steady, cheerful, kind and helpful face of our CWA Volunteer program. She has worked both as teacher and assistant and has not missed a session since the program at the VA began. Furthermore she has provided expertise and resources which have been critical for the specific Outreach lessons taught. Georganne Zaro Eddy has contributed as a thoughtful and flexible assistant and Sheila Cain has contributed as a teacher.

The VA Martinez veterans consist of a core group of artists with a range experience and skill. Others are beginners or disabled and need a significant amount of assistance.

The group has worked through 8 lessons and the results speak for themselves. The pleasure of working together and sharing our successes is thrilling for everyone involved in this Outreach.

What You Can Do to Help

This Outreach needs real water color brushes size 12 round and larger. If you can donate a brush or brushes the veteran's experience of the water color medium will be greatly enriched.

Contact outreach@californiawatercolor.org

~ Sheila Cain

