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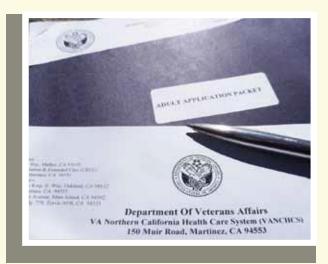


## It Is Never Late To Paint

On February 15, Irina Sztukowski, with the help of a new CWA member, Maria Batkova, gave an Outreach lesson to a group of seniors at the assisted living facility, Chateau III, located in Pleasant Hill, California. Tencurious ladies came to the class to learn how to paint with watercolors. The oldest student that day was 98 years old, but age was not a barrier once the lesson began. With child-like curiosity, the seniors learned how to outline simple subjects by using a small watercolor brush, and how to fill in the space around by applying dotting techniques. In the matter of minutes, the class became a colorful place full of



bunnies, flowers, decorative patterns, and rainbows. Three out of ten students finished the first project quickly and had a chance to explore wet-on- wettechniques on a second piece of paper. The excitement was endless. This Outreach session was absolute proof that when it comes to watercolors, age does not matter and creativity is the key; plus it is never late to paint. Photos by Maria Batkova



## **VA Martinez Outreach Report**

On March 3 a group of CWA members meet to work on the VA Volunteer application and learn more about volunteering at the VA. We had the good fortune to have a seasoned volunteer, Frank Chargios, guide us through the various pages and pages of the application and give us an idea of what he does when he volunteers at the VA. We ate brunch, shared and worked, moving closer to qualifying as Volunteers with the Veterans in Martinez. Progress was made. The Outreach committee thanks our volunteers.

To Volunteer, contact outreach@californiawatercolor.org