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*ARTicipation Pop-Up Studio  
2014: Perception & Reflection  
Installation View, Epsten Gallery*

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**Hours:**  
**Tuesday – Friday, 11 a.m. – 4 p.m.**  
**Sunday, 1 – 4 p.m.**  
**Closed Saturday and Monday**  
**(Open by appointment)**

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

***ARTicipation Pop-Up Studio 2015:***  
***Transition, Experience, Adventure (Finding Your Voice)***  
April 12 – June 21, 2015

**Public Opening Reception:**  
Sunday, April 12, 1-4 p.m.

**Opening Day Palm Petal Workshop:**  
Sunday, April 12, Noon: Led by Artist Casey Whittier

***ARTicipation Pop-Up Studio 2015*** is an integrative, dynamic exhibition program in which children, adults of all ages and abilities and their families can participate in creative, fun and enlightening projects that bring people and ideas together. Visitors will have the opportunity to contribute art they make in the gallery to a large, site-specific tree sculpture, share ideas on a Thought Bubble Wall, create organic Zentangle designs, and explore a Natural Materials Creative Station.

Now in its fourth year, ***ARTicipation Pop-Up Studio 2015*** will once again transform the Epsten Gallery into a studio and exhibition environment for individual and group creation and exploration. With a theme of ***Transition, Experience, Adventure (Finding Your Voice)***, the show will feature artwork by Village Shalom residents who participate in individual and group art therapy sessions along with self-guided areas for individuals and groups to create. Selections of personal objects with individual stories from the collections of Village Shalom Villa residents will also be featured.

A series of collaborative workshops co-led by area artists, creative professionals and art therapists will occur throughout the exhibition. Participating organizations and individuals in the Kansas City area include: Hadassah; Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy; InterUrban ArtHouse; Johnson County Developmental Supports (JCDS); Kansas Art Therapy Association (KATA); Jewish Federation of Kansas City, PJ Library; Kansas City Senior Theatre; Enhanced HomeCare; Operation: Art 501(c)(3) & The Endowment for Veterans Art Campaign (EVAC) LLC; Village Shalom; Casey Whittier; Beniah Leuschke; Tanya Hartman; Michael Schonhoff; Hugh Merrill and his Community Arts Class at the Kansas City Art Institute; Debra Campbell; Kelly Reichman; Lynn Kaufman; Nicole Emanuel, Lauren McGill, Adriane Herman, Joseph Williams and Linda White. Art Therapists, Kaley Wajcman and Sherri Jacobs will lead the following workshops supported by student Art Therapy interns, Courtney Cox and Katelyn Brewer.

Please see next 2 pages for the calendar of ARTicipation workshops.

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***The Mission of the Epsten Gallery is to provide innovative art exhibitions and partnerships that engage, inspire and enlighten a diverse community through all stages of life and celebrate our common humanity through art.***

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**Workshop Calendar:**

*All workshop dates and times are subject to change and cancellation.*

*Please contact Heather Lustfeldt, Curator at the Epsten Gallery for questions or to make a reservation.*

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*Check our website: [www.epstengallery.org](http://www.epstengallery.org) for updates (Starting April 6, 2015)*

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**Sunday, April 12 (1 – 4 p.m.)**

Epsten Gallery Public Opening Reception

**Opening Day Palm Petal Workshop (noon - 4 p.m.)**

Village Shalom staff, residents, families and members of the community are invited to participate in the creation of flowers made by molding clay into one's palm to form individualized petals. This simple, tactile gesture produces beautiful, personal flowers in a group context to compose a community garden that will be on view throughout the exhibition in a celebration of life, memory, growth, individuality, beauty and generosity. The flowers will be available for the creators at the close of the exhibition.

Led by Artist, Casey Whittier, KCAI students and Art Therapist, Kaley Wajcman

**Thursday, April 16 (3:30 – 5:30 p.m.)**

Holocaust Remembrance Day Program:

***What was Beautiful Today***

Participants will share positive thoughts and experiences to affirm the power of beauty and joy as a way of coping and overcoming anguish and tragedy.

Led by Artist, Tanya Hartman and Art Therapist, Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

**Sunday, April 19 (1 – 4 p.m.)**

Kansas Art Therapy Association Meeting

President, Amber Davis

**Wednesday, April 22 (2 – 4 p.m.)**

***Earth Day Workshop***

Led by Artist, Michael Schonhoff and Art Therapist, Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

**Thursday, April 23 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

***Portrait-of-Self Workshop***

Led by Artist, Hugh Merrill with his KCAI Community Arts Class, Village Shalom Residents and Art Therapist, Kaley Wajcman

**Friday, April 24 (10 a.m. – noon)**

Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy Workshop

Led by Kelly Reichman, Instructor and Art Therapists, Kaley Wajcman and Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

Intergenerational program with HBHA middle school students and Village Shalom Residents

**Sunday, April 26 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

***Finding Your Voice***

Led by Deb Campbell, Founder and Executive Director of Kansas City Senior Theatre, Kansas City, MO and Art Therapist, Kaley Wajcman)

Intergenerational Workshop for children and families

Limited space: Please RSVP to reserve your spot!

**Sunday, May 3 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

***Grump Meter Workshop***

Led by Lynn Kaufman, L.C.S.W., and the creator of *The Grump Meter: A Family Tool for Anger Control*

Intergenerational workshop with Art Therapists, Kaley Wajcman and Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

Limited space: Please RSVP to reserve your spot!

**Wednesday, May 6 (3 – 6 p.m.)**

***The Art of Self-Care: An Open House Experience for Caregivers***

Led by Art Therapist, Kaley Wajcman.

Partnering organization: Enhanced HomeCare, Overland Park, Founder, Cindy Singer and Randy Block, Village Shalom nursing staff, Hadassah: The Women's Zionist Organization of America

**Wednesday, May 20 (10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.)**

***Finding Your Spirit Creature***

Led by Artist and Founder of InterUrban ArtHouse, Overland Park,

Nicole Emanuel, Artist, Lauren McGill and Art Therapists, Kaley Wajcman and Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

Partnering organizations: InterUrban ArtHouse, Overland Park, and Johnson County Developmental Supports, Overland Park. Cary Odell, Emerging Artists Program Coordinator

**Sunday, May 31 (1 – 3 p.m.)**

***Goods Riddance Workshop***

Led by Artist, Adriane Herman and Art Therapist, Kaley Wajcman Intergenerational workshop for children, families and Village Shalom Residents

Limited Space: Please RSVP to reserve your spot!

**June Weekday (time tbd):** Presentation/History of ARTicipation: Intergenerational Art Therapy in a gallery setting (Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR, Kaley Wajcman and Katelyn Brewer)

**June 7 Weekday (time tbd):**

***Veterans Intergenerational Exchange***

Partnering organization: Operation: Art & The Endowment for Veterans Art Campaign, founded by veteran and artist, Joseph C. Williams.

Led by Joe Williams and Art Therapist, Sherri Jacobs, MA-ATR

