

**Healing arts virtual art gallery submissions in honor of  
National Cancer Survivors Day 2021**

**Artist**

***Descriptions are listed in the order shown in the  
virtual art gallery video on June 5, 2021.***



***The Gentle Dog  
submitted by  
Peter Shahrokh***

This Gentle Dog watercolor painting was done and submitted by Peter Shahrokh. Peter was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2016. Peter enjoys creating watercolor paintings of dogs: creatures who embody hope and care. As someone who has known cancer, he appreciates the burden of pain and loss people suffer, especially from the loss of a loved pet. Peter paints portraits of survivors passed-on companions to raise their spirits. You can see more of Peter's work at [www.petershahrokh.com](http://www.petershahrokh.com)



***Submitted by Aimee  
Miramontes***

This sunflower piece was submitted by Aimee Miramontes; a 26-year-old survivor diagnosed with Ewing's Sarcoma in August 2019. Aimee successfully completed treatment in July 2020. Aimee's 8-year-old cousin, Olivia, was her motivation during treatment because Olivia would call Aimee to get up and paint or craft with her. This painting is Aimee's favorite that her an Olivia did together because it is a sunflower, which is the flower for sarcoma cancers.



***Submitted by Danny  
Leonard and his  
granddaughter***

This painting was submitted by Danny Leonard who was diagnosed with Prostate Cancer in June 2019. Danny's 12-year-old granddaughter painted this for him. It's a piece that is so positive and inspiring and personal for his whole family. A huge part of Danny's recovery has been because of the love and support of his dear family and friends. He likes to call this piece, "*The bump in the road*".

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***Driftwood submitted  
by Sarah Conning  
(posthumous  
submission)***

These polished driftwood pieces were submitted by one of our Supportive Oncology social workers. The pieces were a gift to her from a patient who has since past on. When giving this gift, the patient shared that the act of polishing the driftwood was a beautiful, relaxing, and meaningful. Bringing out the inherent beauty of these pieces was an act of creation that inspires us about the human spirit and how we can cope with challenges in life.



***Submitted by  
Heather Pica***

This lovely art piece set was painted by Heather Pica during her 13 rounds of chemotherapy. Acrylic paints were used to create this beautiful abstract piece. Heather enjoys the mind body connection and physicality of spreading and smearing paints onto the canvas. The colors and flow of this piece remind Heather of looking into a natural alpine lake on a sunny day.

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***Submitted by  
Shelli Singleton***

This adorable felt bear was made by survivor Shelli Singleton while she was in the hospital receiving chemotherapy.



***Contemplating Surgery  
submitted by  
Terri Wolf***

This beautiful 52x52 inch quilt was made by Terri Wolf when she was going through her experience with cancer.



***Golden Opportunity  
submitted by  
Carolyn Lewis***

This piece was created in 2016 with a pastel medium by Carolyn Lewis. This painting of a Golden Retriever eyeing his owner's ice cream showed emotion. Carolyn's dear friend is going through her final round of chemotherapy and it is a very emotional time for her, and those that love her. Carolyn dedicates this painting to her dear friend.

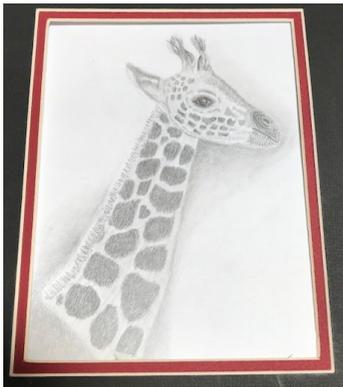
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**Fear**

Kevin Heisinger submitted these two photos that capture the beginning and end of his son Garrett's experience with cancer. The Heisinger family is eternally grateful for the UC Davis Cancer Center team that saved Garrett's life.



**Hope**

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***The Bean with Santa  
submitted by  
Peter Shahrokh 2***

This watercolor painting called, *The Bean with Santa* was done and submitted by Peter Shahrokh. Peter was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2016. Peter enjoys creating watercolor paintings of dogs: creatures who embody hope and care. As someone who has known cancer, he appreciates the burden of pain and loss people suffer, especially from the loss of a loved pet. Peter paints portraits of survivors passed-on companions to raise their spirits. You can see more of Peter's work at [www.petershahrokh.com](http://www.petershahrokh.com)

All other featured art came from Lilly Oncology on Canvas. For more than a decade, Lilly Oncology on Canvas (LOOC) has provided individuals affected by cancer an opportunity to share their stories through art and narrative. Since its founding in 2004 in partnership with the National Coalition for Cancer Survivorship and Cancer Support Community, thousands of LOOC participants have been inspired to share their experience with countless others.

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