

Alzheimer's Disease and other dementias



Photograph by Dalia Gottlieb-Tanaka, PhD
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Patricia, an African American, was born in 1938, and grew up in Lexington, Kentucky. After graduation from Paducah College, she worked as a secretary, dental lab assistant and school assistant; she loved people and travel, and became involved in civil rights for African Americans. She was diagnosed with Frontotemporal Dementia in 2005, and now resides in a care facility. Dr. Dalia Gottlieb-Tanaka noticed her artwork at the Best Friends Centre in Lexington, and selected it for the Mindscape 2008 art exhibit. Patricia's very distinctive artwork features numerous detailed, identically repeated images; she does not use any copying techniques. Her symptom of preservation in the visual arts may also appear in verbal, sound and behaviour in others seniors with dementia. In Patricia's work, we sense the enjoyment of the moment in creating something that comes from the heart. Patricia draws on an assortment of papers, mainly 8-1/2"x11," using pencils and watercolors.

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