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Experience the *Art of Aging* During the 2017 Senior Expo

KALAMAZOO, MI—Experience the *Art of Aging* during the 2017 Senior Expo on Tuesday, October 3 at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center (2900 Lake Street) from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This FREE community-wide event is organized by Kalamazoo County Health & Community Services Department/Area Agency on Aging IIIA and is specifically designed for seniors, caregivers and professionals. Event attendees will have access to the 120 featured exhibitors, all offering diverse services and resources, in one centralized location.

Highlights of planned activities and services include:

- Borgess/Ascension and Bronson Healthcare will be on-site providing health tests and memory screenings, as well as information about the other services they provide. Flu shots will be offered by both hospitals, and pneumonia vaccines by Borgess/Ascension. Be sure to bring your Medicare or other health insurance card if you plan to get vaccinated.
- Awaken your inner artist at 1:00 p.m. by joining A Memory Arts Program with Patricia Hinckley. Hinckley is a licensed professional counselor and owner of Mattawan Counseling Center. She has done over 2,000 paintings with people challenged by aging related illnesses, Parkinson's disease and brain injuries. Learn how to boost drive, focus, concentration... and splash some paint around! Sign-up at the Information Desk when you arrive. Space is limited and materials are included.

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- Explore the Art of Aging art exhibit featuring talented senior artists' works throughout the venue at sponsors' tables. Attendees can vote for their favorite, and the winning artist will be recognized following the event. Attendees can also participate in a drawing to receive gift cards to a local arts/crafts store. Door prizes are provided by Mercantile Bank.
- Bring expired, unwanted medications for safe, free disposal to the Red Med Box available at the Senior Expo. For a list what is accepted, visit <https://www.kalcounty.com/hhw/med-disposal.htm>.

Exhibitors will be in the Expo South and Main rooms. Recommended parking is in the Olmstead Street side lot, outside of the main entrance. Refreshments and food are available for purchase at the Expo Center concessionaire. Visit the [Kalamazoo County Expo Center](#) on the Web for more information on the venue.

A special thank you to the 21st annual Senior Expo sponsors: Gold level—Borgess/Ascension, Bronson Healthcare; Silver level—Aetna Better Health, Heritage Community of Kalamazoo, New Friends Memory Care; Senior Services Southwest Michigan, SW Michigan Spark; Bronze level—Adult Day Services at Oakland Centre, Betzler Life Story Funeral Homes, Center for Vein Restoration, Grace Hospice, Langeland Family Funeral Homes, Life EMS Ambulance, Park Village Pines, Priority Health, Right at Home, SMG Health, and TriFound.

For more information about the Senior Expo 2017-*Art of Aging*, contact Janice Bonita at 269-373-5147 or jgboni@kalcounty.com. You can also read more about the event by visiting www.kalcounty.com/aaa/senior_expo.htm or downloading the [event brochure](#).

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