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JUNE SCANDIFFIO & MARILYN VERDOOLD

## Art Brings Us Together!

By EWA CHWOJKO-SRAWLEY

It is often said that some people are creative, and others are not. But that's not true.

Just look at the 'Edible Art' designed by participants of the event Art Connects.

Everyone got messy, had fun creating and sharing ideas, and catching up with friends.

"When I learned about the resident-led Quick Action Grant, I immediately had this vision of the community connecting through working together on an art project," said June Scandiffio, a volunteer at the Georgina Centre for Arts and Culture.

"We all have been isolated for a long time due to the pandemic, and what could help better for our mental health than unleashing our creative powers."

Together with other volunteers, she organized this fun-filled event which attracted almost forty people.

"I am not an artist, so I didn't think I would do a good job with designing edible flowers, but once I started putting the fruits and veggies together, I got hooked! This event was therapeutic and thoroughly enjoyable," said Marilyn Verdoold.

Before the hands-on activity, the participants watched a slide show of paintings of flowers throughout the ages for inspiration.

"Just watching these wonderful images puts your mind into an imaginative mode, and you too want to create," said Lisa Chianelli.

Art Connects was one of many community-led events organized through funding provided by The United Way Greater Toronto and the Georgina Community Action Table. Funding is available for individuals and for charitable organizations. The purpose is to address two critical issues in our community: mental well-being and income generation.

To find out more, or to apply for the fall round of grants contact [anthony@routescc.org](mailto:anthony@routescc.org).



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