

Museum Programs for Visitors with Dementia

University Art Museums						
Institution	City, State	Program Name	Frequency	Notes	Partners	Funding
Davis Museum at Wellesley	Wellesley MA	Delve into the Davis	Once a month	Pilot program- tours are open to individuals and groups.		
Michael C. Carlos Museum, Emory University	Atlanta, GA	Museum Moments	Once a month, call to schedule	Developed from Meet Me at MoMA model.	Emory Alzheimer's Disease Research Center	Stools for this program were made possible by a gift from Sylvia Dodson in memory of her husband, James Dodson. (other funding not mentioned)
Gilcrease Museum of Art, University of Tulsa	Tulsa, OK	Art Exploration	Monthly	Free for participants, includes guided gallery discussion and an art making activity (facilitated by a teaching artist). Programs are two hours long.	Alzheimer's Association, Oklahoma Chapter	
LSU Museum of Art at Shaw Center for the Arts	Baton Rouge, LA	Art & Alzheimer's Art Tour		Free	Alzheimer's Services of the Capital Area	
Marianna Kistler Beach Museum of Art, Kansas State University	Manhattan, KS		Visits to two retirement communities once a month. Quarterly visits for these groups to the museum.	One group of just individuals with dementia and one group including caregivers.		
Museum of Art and Archaeology at the University of Missouri	Columbia, MO	Healing Arts	Bi-monthly	Tour program began with a grant in 2007 and has continued since. The museum was recently closed for 18 months, and docents presented at retirement communities. Now that the museum is open, the program will once again be held at the museum. Art produced during tours displayed at Adult Day Connection Center.	MU's Adult Day Connection Center, Mid-Missouri Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association	2007 grant from the Boone County Community Trust
Nasher Museum of Art at Duke University	Durham, NC	Reflections	Duke Family Support Program tours- 2nd Wednesday of the month. Group tours- 10:30 and 1:30 on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and by request. Public tours- 10:30 and 1:30 on the 4th Tuesday of the month.	Program began in 2014 as a partnership with the Duke Family Support Program. Now the museum offers 90 minute group and public tours. These tours include a 60 minute guided gallery discussion (four works are usually explored), and 30 minutes of live music in the galleries or hands-on art making.	Duke Family Support Program	Individual donors
University of Michigan Museum of Art	Ann Arbor, MI	Meet Me at UMMA	18 museum visits for three local organizations and quarterly drop-in programs for people with early stage memory loss living at home.	Developed from Meet Me at MoMA model; partially designed by docents. Tours sometime include storytelling, music, touch, and other senses.	Huron Woods (Mercy Health's residential program); Michigan Medicine's Tuner Geriatric Programs (Silver Club and Elderberries); Optimal Life Designs in Dementia Care; Alzheimer's Association; Michigan Alzheimer's Disease Council	Monroe-Brown Foundation Discretionary Fund for Outreach to the State of Michigan and individual donors
Weatherspoon Art Museum, UNC Greensboro	Greensboro, NC	The Art of Seeing	By request. Looking to expand to a regular offering.	Guided discussions for older adults and care partners with a focus on observation and storytelling. Program was originally designed for health care professionals.	WellSpring (Greensboro, NC)	

Other Museums						
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14 Wisconsin Area Museums: Milwaukee Public Museum, Jewish Museum Milwaukee, John Michael Kohler Art Center, Leigh Yawkey Woodson Art Museum, Minnesota Marine Art Museum, Museum of Wisconsin Art, Racine Art Museum and Wustum Museum, The Building for Kids Children Museum, and Trout Museum of Art, Milwaukee County Historical Society, Museum of Wisconsin Art on the Lake, Madison Children's Museum, St. John's on the Lake, The History Museum at the Castle (Appleton), Minnesota History Center (St. Paul)	Wisconsin	Spark! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	Varies by museum, about once a month.	Program varies by museum.	Alzheimer's Association of Wisconsin	Helen Bader Foundation

8 Colorado Museums: Denver Art Museum, History Colorado, Denver Botanic Gardens, Lone Tree Arts Center, Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art, Arvada Center for the Arts and Humanities, Outdoor Space and Mountain Parks, Boulder Museum of Natural History (plus a variety of other cultural sites, like the Denver Botanic Garden)	Colorado	Spark! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	Varies by museum, about once a month.	Although SPARK! Is an umbrella program, each museum has a different schedule for tours and some have a different name for the program when you view it on the website (not simply SPARK!). Boulder Museum of Contemporary Art: Tours and art making. Developed using the Meet Me at MoMA model and now follows the SPARK! model.	Alzheimer's Association of America Colorado Chapter	Heather & Jan Robinson and The Daniels Fund
11 Massachusetts Museums: The Institute of Contemporary Art (Boston), The Worcester Art Museum (Worcester), The American Textile History Museum (Lowell), the Museum of Science (Boston), The Arthur M. Sackler Museum at Harvard (Cambridge), the Harvard Natural History Museum (Cambridge), the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum (Lincoln), the Peabody Museum of Ethnology and Archeology at Harvard (Cambridge), the Peabody Essex Museum (Salem), the Fuller Craft Museum (Brockton), and the Larz Anderson Auto Museum (Brookline).	Massachusetts	Meet Me at the Museum	The Museum Network runs dementia-friendly museum tours every Tuesday.	There are many Meet Me at the Museum programs in Massachusetts. The Museum Network was created by ARTZ, Part of the "I'm Still Here Foundation." The program draws twenty to thirty participants weekly.		I'm Still Here Foundation, Boston Foundation
American Folk Art Museum	New York, NY	Folk Art Reflections	Once a month	Discussion based program. Tours are free but reservations are required.		
Art Institute of Chicago	Chicago, IL	Art in the Moment	Contact to schedule.	Tours coupled with related art-making project. Tours are sixty minutes with ninety minutes for making art.	CJE SeniorLife	Cigna Foundation
Asheville Art Museum	Asheville, NC	The Asheville Art Salon (Pilot program, launching in 2018)		Themed presentations of artwork reproductions to adult day centers	Dementia Friendly Western North Carolina	
Bechtler Museum of Modern Art	Charlotte, NC	Museum Memories	Art classes offered three days a month.	Involves both the individual with dementia and the care partner. The program consists of both tours and art classes.	Southminster Assisted Living Facility and Alzheimer's Association	PNC, Knight Foundation, and Southminster Assisted Living Facility
Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center	Birmingham, MI	Meet Me at the BBAC	1.5 hours, 6 times a month	Open to both the public and memory care facilities. Art looking in galleries (typically two works of art) and art-making in the studio. Trained by MoMA.	Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter and residential facilities	Community Foundation and several Family Foundations
Bonifas Fine Art Center	Escanaba, MI	Gather at the Galleries: Upper Peninsula	Monthly	The program is free, and a DATA Bus provides free transportation from Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens and Northwoods Assisted Living. Also includes art making.	Northwoods Assisted Living and Bishop Noa Home for Senior Citizens, Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter	
Booth Western Art Museum	Cartersville, GA	Rendezvous	Second Monday of each month (when the museum is closed) from 10:00 - 11:30		Alzheimer's Association	
Brandywine River Museum of Art	Chadds Ford, PA	ARTZ at Brandywine	Fourth Tuesdays of each month, 60 mins	Discussion of two to four works of art per tour. Tours are run by ARTZ Philly.	ARTZ Philly	
Cameron Art Museum	Wilmington, NC	Connections Program	On Mondays be request- must schedule two weeks in advance.	Part of a larger program for those with mental, physical, emotional, and behavioral disabilities. One docent per visitor.		Cape Fear Memorial Foundation, the Champion McDowell Davis Charitable Foundation and Mort and Judy Neblett.
Carnegie Museum of Art	Pittsburgh, PA	In the Moment	Second Monday of every month, 1:00 - 2:00	\$15 for each pair (one individual with dementia and one care partner), you can sign up with a big group or as an individual.		
Cincinnati Art Museum, Cincinnati Contemporary Arts Center, and the Taft Museum of Art	Cincinnati, OH	Memories in the Museum	First Wednesday of every month, 10:00 - 12:00	15 tours are offered every year, rotating between partner museums. Tour of exhibition, light refreshments, and art-making are included.	Alzheimer's Association Greater Cincinnati Chapter	Ohio Arts Council
Cleveland Museum of Art	Cleveland, OH	Art In the Afternoon	First Wednesday of every month, 1:15 - 2:30	Designed to lift the spirits, engage the mind, provide a relaxing and enjoyable social experience.	Cleveland Clinic and the Alzheimer's Association of Cleveland Chapter	
Crystal Bridges Museum of Art	Bentonville, AR	Creative Connections: Art and Alzheimer's	Tours held every other week	Two hours of gallery discussion and art making. Refreshments provided.	Alzheimer's Association and Schmieding Center for Senior Health and Education, Northwest Arkansas/Bentonville office of Alzheimer's Association	Loreen Arbus

Currier Museum of Art	Manchester, NH	Alzheimer's Café	Monthly, drop-in and partnership with Easter Seals	Food, art looking in classroom and then to the galleries. Social experience with art and good company. Easter Seals program involves three weeks of art making and then a visit to the museum that includes looking at and discussing art.	Easter Seals	Bruce and Rose Marie McCoil Family
Dallas Museum of Art	Dallas, TX	Meaningful Moments	Third Tuesday of each month, 10:00 - 11:30	Includes gallery discussions, an interactive component, and an art making activity in the Art Studio. Program is free and reservations are required. Public and group tours available.	Alzheimer's Association of Greater Dallas	
Denver Art Museum	Denver, CO	Art and About Tours Active Minds	A&A Tours: Second Thursday of each month, 1:15 - 2:30 Active Minds: Quarterly	A&A Tours: Public and group tours available. Art based, part of the SPARK! Alliance. Discussion in galleries. Active Minds: Interactive poetry program.	Alzheimer's Association of Colorado Chapter, SPARK! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	
Detroit Institute of Art	Detroit, MI	Minds on Art	Program is 6 weeks long. Participants meet once a week on Mondays at 6:00.	Gallery discussion and art making activity.	Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter	City of Detroit
Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden	Coral Gables, FL	Plants and People	Once or twice a month	Guided tours, including a special butterfly release and free lunch.	Alzheimer's Association	Lin Lougheed, the Aaron I. Fleischman Foundation, and the Alzheimer's Association
Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco (de Young and Legion of Honor)	San Francisco, CA	Artful Discoveries	Monthly	Discussion of artwork.		California Arts Council and the National Arts and Disability Center at UCLA.
Foothills Art Center	Golden, CO	SPARK! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	One hour program, monthly	Free to attend, but registration is required.	Alzheimer's Association Colorado Chapter, SPARK! Cultural Programming for people with memory loss	
Fort Wayne Museum of Art	Fort Wayne, IN	Meet Me at FWMoA	Third Tuesday of each month at 2:00PM.	Includes a guided gallery discussion.	Alzheimer's Association Greater Indiana Chapter	
Frye Art Museum, Seattle	Seattle, WA	here:now Bridges Meet Me at the Movies Alzheimer's Café		here:now, museum-based artmaking classes and gallery tours. Bridges, creative arts in private homes and community care facilities. Meet Me at the Movies, interactive film series. Alzheimer's Café, pre-café discussion tour.	Alzheimer's Association Western and Central WA State Chapter, Elderwise, University of Washington (research partner)	Frye Foundation and The Richard M. and Maude M. Ferry Charitable Foundation
Indianapolis Museum of Art	Indianapolis, IN	Meet Me at the IMA	Fourth Tuesday of each month, 2:00-4:00	Included with admission. Guided gallery discussion.	Alzheimer's Association Indiana Chapter	Klapper Family Foundation
Institute of Contemporary Art, Boston	Boston, MA	Meet Me at the ICA	Weekly, Tuesday morning from 11:00-12:00	Participants join us on Tuesday mornings for museum tours and small group discussions about the art work. The ICA is part of a group of museums that offer tours for individuals with dementia.	I'm Still Here Foundation, ARTZ	McCance Family Foundation and I'm Still Here Foundation
Intrepid Sea, Air, and Space Museum	New York, NY	Stories Within	Monthly, 90 minute tours	Multi-sensory, designed to spark conversation and reflection.		
James A. Michener Art Museum	Doylestown, PA	Art for All	In 2016: 29 museum gallery programs for group facilities in the Fall and Spring and 40 art appreciate programs at care facilities.	Museum gallery program began in 2015 and offsite art-making programs began in 2016. Art-making outreach was conducted at an assisted living facility for six weeks and the works of art were displayed at the facility.		NEA grants in 2015 and 2017, Merck, the Christian R. And Mary F. Lindback Foundation, and the Dolfinger-McMahon Foundation
James J. Hill House	St. Paul, MN	Tours for People with Memory Loss		60 minute sensory based tours. Three different spaces in the house are highlighted each month.	Minnesota Historical Society	
Los Angeles County Museum of Art (LACMA)	Los Angeles, CA	Visitors with Special Needs touring program (VSN)	By request.	Programming is currently very limited, but they are hoping to develop the programming in the coming years.		
Madison Children's Museum	Madison, WI	SPARK! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	Every other Friday and once a month on Saturday.	Program is 90 minutes long and involves the five senses.		
Mattatuck Museum	Waterbury, CT	Memories @ the MATT		Gallery tour and lunch. Includes an art activity or musical program as well. "Hello Light"= an annual special program with storytellers, poets, artists, musicians, and the artwork that was created by participants over the course of the year.	Alzheimer's Association Connecticut Chapter	Connecticut Family Foundation
McLean County Historical Society	Bloomington, IL	Senior Reminiscence	Tours available by request. Each organization may request up to four programs per year.	This program is one of the longest running in the U.S. It focuses on local history and takes place in senior care facilities, not at a museum. Program is free.		

Mesa Arts Center	Mesa, AZ	Arts in Mind	Ninety minutes	Sessions meet four times over two months and are for individuals who still live at home. Includes interactive gallery walks and hands-on art making. Music discovery and studio engagement programs are also available.	Banner Institute	Banner Institute (Pulliam Trust, Maricopa Partnership for the Arts and Culture, Blue Cross, Blue Shield)
Midland Center for the Arts	Midland, MI	Minds on Art	Program is 4 weeks long, participants meet once a week on Tuesday from 1:30-3:00	Provide cognitive stimulation, encourage socialization, help reduce stress and anxiety, enrich relationships, and promote self expression. Also includes art making.	Alzheimer's Association Greater Michigan Chapter	Midland 100 Club
Minneapolis Institute of Art	Minneapolis, MN	Discover Your Story	Two public tours a month (one Friday and Saturday in a row), starting at 10:30 Tours are also available by request (they can be booked any time the museum is open- must be booked one month ahead)	You must register ahead of time for a private tour with three or more individuals with memory loss. Or you can join in on one of the public tours. Some tours include storytelling, movement, and poetry. Art-making was recently added to the tours. Tours are designed for six participants and their care partners.	Alzheimer's Association- Minnesota- North Dakota, University of Minnesota Medical School	Allianz
Minnesota Historical Society	Minnesota			In 2016, MNHS served more than 1,500 people living with dementia and their care partners through statewide programming. The MNHS launches programs that fit the space, content, and community of a range of historic sites and museums. Hoping to implement House of Memories: US (based on the award winning UK Training Program and app).		
Museum of Modern Art	New York, NY	Meet Me at MoMA... and Make Memories	Monthly	Expanding programs nationwide; making research and programming available to other museums. See more at https://www.moma.org/meetme/index .	NYU School of Medicine, Department of Education, MetLife Foundation	MetLife Foundation
Morris Museum of Art	Augusta, GA	Connections	By request- advanced registration required.	60 minute tour followed by art-making. Tours are held when museum is quiet.		
Museum of Fine Arts, Houston	Houston, TX	Looking Together	Second Monday of every month. Hour-long visits for scheduled groups.	Tours are led by volunteer docents. Guided gallery conversations and other sensory experiences. Music is sometimes included.	Alzheimer's Association Houston and Southeast Texas Chapter	
Museum of Photographic Arts	San Diego, CA	My Life through the Lens	Monthly	MOPA engages older adults and seniors through museum tours, art talks, and photography workshops.	Shiley-Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center (conducts and coordinates training); Mingei International Museum, San Diego Museum of Art, Timkin Museum of Art	
National Gallery of Art	Washington, DC	Just Us	Pilot program offered on first and third Monday from April-July 2017. Hoping to start offering the program permanently.	Program is 90 minutes long. Two or three works are explored and discussed during the session. Program is designed for those with early stage dementia and their care partners.		
Philadelphia Museum of Art	Philadelphia, PA	Workshops for Visitors with Intellectual Disabilities	Held throughout the year from 10:30 - 1:30 with a half hour break for lunch.	3 hour program (1 hour in the galleries and a 2 hour hands-on studio class). Cost is \$10 per person, personal attendants are free (one attendant per person).		
Philbrook Museum of Art	Tulsa, OK	Art Focus	Every third Tuesday of the month	Free admission for participants, caregivers and family members. Some hands-on experiences included.	Alzheimer's Association Oklahoma Chapter, Tulsa Community College	
Phoenix Art Museum	Phoenix, AZ	The Arts Engagement Program (AEP)	Two times a year (Fall and Spring), a group meets two times a month for four months.	Program is designed for both those with dementia and their care partners. Artist-in-residence at the Phoenix Art Museum works with participants in the studio context. Registration costs are \$50 per pair.	Originally partnered with the Banner Alzheimer's Institute.	Original Grants: Maricopa Partnership for Arts & Culture and Banner Alzheimer's Institute Current Funder: Shawn and Joe Lampe Fund
Phoenix Center for the Arts	Phoenix, AZ	With Art in Mind	Tuesdays from 11:00-12:30	Studio classes, each week involves a new technique.	Banner Institute	Banner Institute (Pulliam Trust, Maricopa Partnership for the Arts and Culture, Blue Cross, Blue Shield)
Portland Art Museum	Portland, OR	ArtNOW	Held four times a month on Monday afternoons every other month.	Creative two-hour experiences.	Alzheimer's Association Oregon Chapter, Aging and Disease Center at OHSU, Companion Art Studio	
Racine Art Museum and RAM's Wustum Museum	Racine, WI	Spark! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss	Monthly. Museum staff also visit assisted living facilities.	Just started ¡CHIPSA! for Spanish speaking participants.	Racine County's Aging and Disability Resource Center, Lincoln Lutheran, Home Instead, SPARK! Cultural Programming for people with memory loss	Helen Bader Foundation

Rockwell Museum of Fine Arts and Corning Museum of Glass	Corning, NY	Meet Me at the Museum	Second Monday of each month, 1:00-3:30, February-May and September-December	Alternating between two museums. Rockwell Museum: Program offers a variety of activities including art discussions, music, painting, and felting. All the sense are engaged through the program. Corning Museum of Glass: Casual gallery strolls. Participants either participate in glass making, or sit alongside a glassworker. 3:1 participant to guide ratio.	Alzheimer's Association, Rochester and Finger Lakes Region, and the Southern Tier Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association.	
Rubin Museum	New York, NY	Mindful Connections	Third Friday of every month, 2:00-3:00. Complementary tea time at Café Serai starting at 1:30.	Free tour program. Each tour incorporates touch objects, sound/music, and smells. Extensive registration form: http://rubinmuseum.org/images/content/Mindful_Connections_Registration_Form_2015.pdf		
Tampa Museum of Art	Tampa, FL	"Connections" Alzheimer's, Dementia, and Memory Loss Program	Second Wednesday of every month, 11:00-12:30am. Group tours available upon request.	Program starts with a half hour of socialization and refreshments. Then participants move into the gallery for 45-60 minutes of gallery conversation and activities. Advanced registration required.	USF Honors College- undergraduate students are trained to facilitate tours.	Tampa Bay Foundation for Mental Health
The Kreeger Museum	Washington, DC	Conversations at the Kreeger	4 per month, 60 minutes, free	Musical component and guided discussion looking at a single work of art.	Landon School	
The Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Met Cloisters	New York, NY	Met Escapes	Approximately twice a month	Not one program, but a series of gallery tours, studio-based art-making activities, and Touch Collection workshops.	Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer's Disease and the Aging Brain, Alzheimer's Disease Research Center at Columbia University, The Cloisters Museum and Gardens	MetLife Foundation
Toledo Museum of Art	Toledo, OH	Meet Me at TMA	Monthly, 45-60 minutes	Guided gallery discussion	Alzheimer's Association	Yark Automotive Group, HCR ManerCare
VSA Texas	Austin, TX	Mobile Art (merged with VSA Texas in 2017)		Mobile Art delivers art activities, free of charge, to adults with dementia and their care partners in Austin, Texas. VSA Texas also provides a series of classes in specific mediums for those with dementia.		
Walker Art Center	Minneapolis, MN	Contemporary Journeys: A Program for People with Alzheimer's and Other Dementias	Monthly or by request.	Participants connect to art and each other through conversational tours that tap multiple senses and art labs that introduce myriad ways of seeing the world. Art viewing and making. Five visitors and up to five care partners.	Alzheimer's Association of Minnesota-North Dakota, The Goodman Group, MoMA	
Wisconsin Historical Museum	Madison, WI	SPARK! Cultural Programming for People with Memory Loss		Program for both the individual with dementia and the care partner. Participants handle stone tools, spin a Babcock Butterfat Tester, and smell maple sugar cakes. Storytelling, art-making and music are incorporated into each session. Focus on the history of Wisconsin.		
Woodmere Art Museum	Philadelphia, PA	ARTZ Philadelphia Tours	Monthly	Interactive program for six to eight visitors. Led by Susan Shifrin. Pre-registration required.	ARTZ Philly	