

# art & soul memories

*The Social Service Worker Gerontology Program invites you to view a special Exhibition in the Sheridan Gallery*

This intimate exhibition documents one woman's inner journey into Alzheimer's. Professor Emeritus Betts Engell, long-time Oakville artist, passionate advocate for social justice and environmental protection, and former Sheridan early childhood and social service faculty, shared her soul in her paintings.

Betts was an early pioneer in the 70's providing shelter for homeless youth in Halton, and promoting programs for young mothers. After retiring she actively campaigned to save the escarpment. Betts' social consciousness and joy in life are reflected in her paintings. Over the years she developed her own unique style, her images and colour emerging from her life experiences.

In the exhibition we see a vivid transformation in her work over time as memory and words fail and Betts conveys her inner world of the silent descent into Alzheimer's. Betts encouraged the documentation of her journey and gave permission to a film crew to work with her. The film, *Sybil and Betts: Requiem for a Friendship* is scheduled to be released late September.

The Art and Soul Memories exhibition is the first in a Community Builder Series hosted by the Faculty of Applied Health and Community Studies. It coincides with the U.N. International Year of the Older Person and National Seniors Day, both celebrated on October 1.



## Where

The Gallery, located in AA wing, Sheridan College  
Trafalgar Campus, 1430 Trafalgar Road, Oakville

## Dates of Exhibition

September 19 - October 3, 2014

## When

Monday – Thursday 10 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday 10 am – 4 pm

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