

## The unexpected artist



Cat Voors

Cat Voors never saw herself as an artist.

"I was one of those people who couldn't even draw a stick figure," Cat said.

That changed when she began participating in art workshops at Cancer Services. Cat, who was diagnosed with four different types of cancer in two years, had never picked up a paintbrush before. Now, she sells her art. Her current passion is watercolors.

In 2013, Cat was diagnosed with lung cancer, losing half her lung during her battle.

Following her initial diagnosis, her doctors also diagnosed her with uterine cancer, Leiomyosarcoma, and thyroid cancer.

She came to Cancer Services in 2014, after her second diagnosis. She knew about the organization because Cancer Services had helped her parents.

Cat's client advocate, Denise Glasser, was able to connect Cat with wigs and hats, a walker with a seat and a wheelchair.

"With anything I needed, she found a way to get it to me," Cat said.

Denise remembers those first few visits. Cat was very sick from chemotherapy, but after it was done, Cat slowly began to build up herself again.

"I love how far she's come," Denise said.

When it was time to make a change in her life, Cat thought Cancer Services was a good place to start.

"It's nice to talk with people who have had a similar experience," Cat said. "It's great to be with people who understand the cancer experience."

She participates in yoga, meditation and lots of the various education classes. Cat enjoys the physical activity, it helps her to de-stress and clears her head.

However, it is the art classes with instructors, like local artist Sarah Creason, that have made the biggest impact. It has revealed an artistry deep within.

"It's really been a blessing," she said.

Now, she urges people to try a couple of classes.

"You learn, you meet new people," she said. "It's a very gentle and welcoming environment."

*Save the date!*

## Lapper 2017 and Survivors Day Celebration!



Save the date for the 2017 Lapper and Survivors Day Celebration on Saturday, May 13 at Cancer Services of Northeast Indiana.

The Lapper is Cancer Services' annual fundraising walk, which raises money to support friends and loved ones who are fighting cancer. All the money raised stays in our community to provide hope and help. There are three ways to participate:

1. Raise money and join us for the energetic walk along the Brotherhood Mutual walking trail.
2. Make a donation to honor someone touched by cancer.
3. Become a Lapper sponsor.

After the Lapper, we gather back at Cancer Services for the Survivors Day Celebration. There will be food, games, music and fun for the whole family.

Register for the Lapper at [www.lapper2017.kintera.org](http://www.lapper2017.kintera.org).  
Everyone who raises a minimum of \$35 by May 1 may receive a commemorative 2017 Lapper t-shirt.



Contact Keiara Carr at 260-484-9560 or [kcarr@cancer-services.org](mailto:kcarr@cancer-services.org) for more information.

## Join our community!

All programs are free, open to the public and held at Cancer Services' Healing Arts Center, unless otherwise stated.

Please call (260) 484-9560 or toll free at 866-484-9560 or email Ann Hathaway at [ahathaway@cancer-services.org](mailto:ahathaway@cancer-services.org) for more information or to make reservations.

### FEBRUARY

#### Chocolate – The “Other” Food Group

11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017

Or

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday, February 27, 2017 at the Warsaw Public Library, 310 E. Main Street, Warsaw, IN 46580

Or

1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m., Saturday, March 4, 2017 at the Peabody Public Library, 1160 E. Highway 205, Columbia City, IN 46725

Or

6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 6, 2017 at the Butler Public Library, 340 S. Broadway, Butler, IN 46721

Presented by Sue Delagrange, MS, RD

The next time you eat a piece of chocolate you may not have to feel overly guilty about it. Learn about the potential health benefits and the best type of chocolate to consume. Samples will be provided.

#### Pelvic Floor Workshop for Cancer Survivors

6:00 to 7:30 p.m., Thursday, February 23, 2017

Presented by Margaret Bronson,

Lead Physical Therapist at Parkview Health

This workshop for cancer survivors will help with issues such as incontinence and pelvic pain, which often occur after cancer treatment. Attendees will learn about medications that can trigger problems and there will be an opportunity to have your individual questions answered. The workshop is designed for both men and women with a particular focus on new therapies to treat these conditions.

### MARCH

#### Art Side by Side

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, March 9, 2017

9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 13, 2017

Sarah Creason and other local artists will coach participants in various art mediums and using art for self-expression. Please bring your own materials. Reservations required.

#### Gardening 101

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 14, 2017

Presented by Alan Clayton, Master Gardener

Gardening is a great way to rejoice in nature, get some light exercise as well as relax and destress. Alan (who is a familiar face for those participating in Cancer Services' Tai Chi classes) will present a workshop for anyone wanting to learn more about gardening.

### APRIL

#### Thinking Native Plants and Design

11:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 11, 2017

Presented by Alan Clayton, Master Gardener

Learn about native plants and how to incorporate these natural wonders to create attractive garden designs.

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In organizations, schools and companies all across our community, there are people who diligently and quietly go about their job. Their co-workers can count on them to

be thorough, timely and dependable. Customers and clients seldom see them, but when they do, they know they are in competent and caring hands. Leaders value their opinions and listen carefully when they raise a concern.

Our Finance Manager, Kathy Ryan is one of those people. In March, Cancer Services will say farewell to her. She is retiring after 17 years of outstanding service to our organization. In addition to contributing to many successes here at Cancer Services, she has been a steady oar in times of change and challenge.

“It has been my pleasure to work with Kathy over most of the last 30 years. She brings a high level of professional ability, kindness and friendship to her friends and co-workers. I wish her a wonderful retirement!” said Dave Fee, former board chair and long-time friend.

Recently, when she heard the words from a family about how much Cancer Services meant to them, Kathy admitted she was so moved, she almost changed her mind about retiring. Kathy deeply understands that what we do is all about the people.

President and CEO Dianne May said, “I will miss Kathy’s ability to use both her heart and her head in offering advice and providing input to me.”

Happy retirement, Kathy! You have served our community well and we will miss you.

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