The Benefits of Creativity and Mindfulness for Older Adults

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PRIOR RESEARCH

CURRENT STUDY

- Interviewed 8 participants by Zoom and phone
- Convenience Sample
- Population selected was from 2 county area in mid-central Kansas
- Inclusion Criteria included:
 - 65 and older
 - Live in Marion or Chase counties
 - Live independently
 - Be willing to meet with me for three interviews

CATEGORIES & THEMES





CONNECTION TO OTHERS



Others who enjoy quilting

'DEVELOPED AN INTEREST'

'PASSED INTEREST TO FUTURE GENERATIONS'

'EXPERIENCING MINDFULNESS'

'CREATIVITY'

'PURPOSE'

'BENEFITS'

'FEELINGS EXPERIENCED'

'QUILTING AND HEALTH RELATIONSHIPS'

'COMMUNICATION BENEFITS'

'COMMUNICATION ENHANCEMENT WITH HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS'

NOTABLE POINTS REVEALED IN THE STUDY

LIMITATIONS OF THE STUDY

- Concern study would not apply in other geographical areas
- Concern I would not hear the responses accurately
- Interviews conducted vis Zoom or phone

HOW DO FINDINGS RELATE TO THE LITERATURE?

- The study supports a connection between creativity and physical health
 - Physical
 - Aids in mobility
 - Maintains agility
 - Benefits recuperation from surgery
 - Improved eye-hand coordination

- Mental
 - Provides relaxation
 - Therapeutic
 - Feelings of peacefulness
 - Assists in processing grief

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