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Ensworth Awards \$15,000 to Hartford Public Library For Lifelong Learning

Hartford CT (April 26, 2016) — The Ensworth Charitable Foundation has awarded a \$15,000, two-year grant, to Hartford Public Library to support its series, Lifelong Learning for Older Adults: Classes in the Arts.

The library will offer six sets of two-hour, six-week classes, targeted to the City's older adults. The fall 2016 classes will include quilting taught by a master quilter. Each class will be taught by a master artist for the topic of the class.

Classes will be offered downtown and at the branches. Times, dates and locations will be announced and will be designed around the survey results received throughout the year from similar workshops. Classes in arts for older adults have been offered at the library since 2007. Subjects include quilting, sculpting, photography, poetry, mixed media, dance and music.

Priority for all classes will be given to Hartford residents, ages 55 and older. All classes are free. Materials will be provided.

Each class will have an opportunity to display its work or take part in a performance. In October 2016, some of the final projects will be displayed in the Administrative Gallery on the 3rd floor near the Hartford History Center. The students' work will complement an ArtWalk exhibition focused on textiles by Connecticut artists Sandy Bender Fromson of Hartford and Ellen Schiffman of Weston.

The Ensworth Charitable Foundation was established in 1948 to support and promote educational, cultural, human services, religious, and health, art and cultural programs care programming for underserved populations in Hartford and surrounding communities.

